

The Meaning of Profession in Education

The profession in education gives services to the public based on knowledge and expertise. It is specific, not overlapping with other professions, and with established standards. Professional Educators must have sufficient training both in theory and practice before entering it. Therefore, there must be control over the profession by having standards suitable for its status. It differs from simply being a career, which specifically involves the expectation of remuneration in order to make a living.

The profession in education is highly esteemed as belonging to an honorable profession. Educational educators involved must naturally have greater responsibility because of the impact they have on the service end-users and the public. Therefore, it is necessary to have specific controls over the profession to create confidence in it. Therefore, Professional Educators must utilize intellectual methods; with a long period of training; having professional autonomy according to professional standards; a professional code of ethics; and professional institutions or organizations as the center of creativity and promotion of the profession.

The profession in education which the Teachers and Educational Personnel Council Act B.E. 2546 prescribes it to be a practice of licensed profession, mandates standards for the profession stipulating its primary duty relating to the teaching and learning process and promotion of learning among learners through various methods; including responsibility for administration of public and private Educational Institutes at early child, basic and higher education levels below a degree level; and educational administration outside Educational Institutions at the educational district level; as well as education support; provision of services or undertaking of activities in relation to the teaching and learning process, supervision and education administration in various Educational Agencies consisting of:

- (1) The Profession of Teachers
- (2) The Profession of Educational Institution Administrators
- (3) The Profession of Education Administrators
- (4) The Profession of other Education Personnel (Supervisors)

Those who are going to enter the said professions must receive a professional license to practice from KHURUSAPHA before beginning practicing the profession, with the exception of those who have been permitted by law not to have a professional license. In addition, when in the profession, they must follow professional practices under the established restrictions and conditions. They also must perform and conduct themselves according to the professional standards of ethics of the profession. This has to be followed in order for the profession to be conducted in accordance with the prescribed standards.