

Teaching

Every Lesson Shapes a Life

Have you considered a career in teaching?

Alex, a final year civil and coastal engineering student and Get Into Teaching Brand Ambassador at the University of Plymouth, spoke with Chidera, a master's student in civil engineering. He shares his passion for teaching and reflects on the classroom experience he has gained so far.

What do you study?

"I am doing my MSc in civil engineering and graduating this year."

What would you like to teach?

"I would love to teach physics or geography."

Do you want to teach primary or secondary?

"I would like to teach in a secondary school as students have a higher capacity to understand and relate to topics."

What made you start considering teaching as a career?

"I chose teaching as it gives me an opportunity to transfer acquired knowledge and also to learn and relearn. I've always been interested in teaching."

Has anyone influenced or inspired you to get into teaching?

"Yes, a doctor in soil engineering has inspired me to teach. I was inspired by his flair in teaching and his application of knowledge."

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What teaching experience have you had so far?

"I have taught in a secondary school where I was an instructor in building construction."

What have been your highlights from these experiences?

"One of my highlights in teaching was seeing students being inspired by me, wanting to go into fields of study they imagined to be daunting, and getting them practically active in their academics."

Have you faced any challenges while gaining this experience, and how did you handle them?

"Yes, I have faced some challenges. One of which was getting student's trust and getting them participate in my lesson sessions. This challenge was overcome by improving my mode of approach, thereby improving our relationship and getting them to do what was required."

How have these experiences contributed to your personal growth?

"Teaching has contributed to my personal growth by improving my social skills and human relations."

What has made teaching feel rewarding for you so far, and what have you enjoyed most?

"The most rewarding thing about teaching is watching people being transformed by your efforts. I enjoy the illustrative part of teaching the most."

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