

“The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives” – Robert John Meehan

**The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about team teaching
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Team teaching is a strategy where two instructors work co-operatively to split their teaching responsibilities in an attempt to differentiate instruction and engage students in the material being taught.

“You can do what I cannot. I can do what you cannot. Together we can do great things.”



**Together
WE ARE
STRONGER**



- One assists
- New ideas
- Building new relationships with students
- Equally shared responsibility
- Active learning teaching methodologies

- One teaches
- Experience
- Established rapport with students
- Equally shared responsibility
- Traditional teaching methodologies

1. You have to communicate regularly to plan the lesson.

After each lesson, team teaching requires both teachers to discuss and decide on who will teach the next lesson, who will assist students while completing each learning task or what pedagogic strategies and resources will be used to ensure students' learning. Such communication and collaboration divides the task and multiplies the success.

3. The fear and anxiety correlated with team-teaching subsides.

Initially, the presence of another teacher in the classroom is particularly daunting. It makes you feel intimidated, anxious and fearful. You think that he/she is evaluating your teaching ability. It is only when you become accustomed to your co-operating teacher and their teaching style that you can alleviate your fears and begin to enjoy your team teaching experience.

2. Every team teaching experience is not always successful.

You have to accept the fact that things did not go to plan. You have to be open to change. You have to speak reflectively and purposefully with your co-operating teacher about the reasons why the class did not go to plan and what could be done to make the lesson more effective next time. This will enable both of you to enhance the quality of the lesson in terms of teaching and learning.

4. You have to respect your co-operating teacher.

It is significant to respect your co-operating teacher in terms of his/her experiences, differences, perspectives, values, and so forth. This will dissolve your students and your limitations to their/your own perspectives. In turn, this will initiate the broadening of the human mind-set.