

T³: Today's Teaching Tip

Students' Ethical development*

- As teaching involves building characters as well as providing competent learners and professionals, academics have a responsibility to build into their teaching opportunities for discussing ethical decision making.
- To encourage student exploration of ethical behaviour, [Miriam Rosalyn Diamond, PhD](#) have utilized (a) entire courses focused on ethics, (b) lessons within a larger course, and (c) training sessions for student leadership roles.
- Within a unit, each student can determine the format for their individual project. Some may submit traditional papers, while others may present the information in creative and visual formats.
- At a program level, academics can challenge students to grapple with ethical issues throughout a particular course. For example, in one of M. R. Diamond's *Organizational Psychology* class, students were invited to raise and question ethical aspects of all topics under discussion, including the hiring process, job training, motivating employees, and providing performance feedback.
- Further, workshops can be offered that prepare students for specific roles. Through discussions of specific predicaments participants may consider situations they are likely to face.

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