

Teaching Philosophy

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Industry experience--I have managed a variety of projects, offices, and departments for over 20 years. I first started at Tacoma Community College, moved to Starbucks then to Clover Park Technical College before earning my teaching career at CWU. Having worked with cooperate, non-profit, and higher educational institutions, I have the experience to teach many different aspects of administrative management.

What I believe about teaching:

Personal application—The root of everything I teach is application: personal and professional. My teaching goal is to provide multiple skills that students can take and apply the very next day at work or in their personal lives.

Student Engagement—Interacting and networking with others within the class provides a rich dialog as each student brings in his/her own diversity (age, gender, experience level, values and beliefs). This interaction occurs through discussions, group work, and presentations, among other strategies.

Recognizing everyone learns differently—I do my best to incorporate a variety of teaching methods to capture the learning styles of each student.

Passion--My desire is to share my passion, enthusiasm and excitement about the learning process; but more than that, to empower students so that they can change life direction, earn a promotion, or learn new skills based on acquired (and applied) knowledge presented in class.

We all have value-- When teaching a class, it is wonderful to realize that we all something of value and worth the share. In recognizing this, I seek to pull students into the discussion and classroom learning by asking students to share about their background and knowledge.

Skill Development—I wish to pass along to my students the value of life-long learning and critical thinking. Through skill development, students are able to discover areas in their own lives that need to be revisited throughout a career, especially with the change trends in technology.

Coaching/Mentoring—Inside and outside of the classroom, I take great joy in walking with students as they progress through life.

Education

- Master Teaching Certificate
- Master of Education: Organizational Leadership & Policy
 - University of Washington
- Bachelor of Arts: Mass Communications & Education
 - University of Washington
- Associate of Arts and Sciences
 - Tacoma Community College

Certificates

- Master of Online Teaching Certification, January 2016

Presentations, Speaking Engagements, Conference Attendance

- March 2014 WA State Canvas Conference: Surprise & Delight-Using Canvas for Hybrid Courses
- February 2014 CWU Leadership Conference: Servant Leadership-What do you want to be known for?
- November 2013 SLOAN-C: Participant
- February 2013 Guest Presenter: Praise Covenant Church Women's Bible Study-Overcoming Challenges
- April 2012, 2013, 2014 Masters of Ceremonies: Praise Covenant Church Women's Retreat
- April 2011 Marketing Educators Association: Participant

Teaching

- ADMG 201 - Introduction to Business
- ADMG 371 - Administrative Management
- ADMG 372 - Leadership and Supervision
- ADMG 373 - Training and Development
- ADMG 374 - Project Management
- ADMG 385 - Business Communication & Report Writing
- ADMG 490 - Cooperative Education (Internship)
- IT 490 - Cooperative Education (Internship)
- RMT 340 - Principles of Selling
- RMT 366 - Customer Relationship Management

Research

- Academics and Student Services
- Strategic IT Management and Leadership
- Online & Hybrid Course Structure

Other

- Rif Mountains-Earthquake Relief/House Building, North Africa, Volunteer
- Cultural and Language Immersion, North Africa, Volunteer
- Tacoma Rescue Mission: Instructor, June 2011-September 2011
- Operation Christmas Child Site Coordinator, November 2005-Present
- SAT Associate Supervisor, November 2002-2014
- University Place Kiwanis, Member, September 2001- 2011
- American Cancer Society Volunteer, May 1999-2011