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Teaching Philosophy

Creativity, flexibility, and openness to new and different ideas about teaching including technology, developing relationships, inspiring courage to grow intellectually, cultivating curiosity, uplifting the spirit, fostering independent critical thinking skills, appreciation of diverse learners and understanding the learning environment including families, communities and cultures.

Qualification Summary:

While working on a technical degree in college I began teaching fellow students which led to working in the information technology department teaching workshops on technology. I also started teaching technology in my son's elementary classroom which led to teaching multiple classes as a parent volunteer. While in Washington I had the opportunity to teach technology to teachers in the school district which led me to pursue a Master in Education degree with my first semester at the University of Idaho near my home in Washington and later at Chico State University, Chico.

Education:

Master's in Education, California State University, CSU Chico August 2011
Bachelor of Science: Computing and Communications, CSU Chico May 2000

Teaching Experience:

Technology Practicum, Lincoln Middle School Spring 2008
Pullman School District

As a student at the University of Idaho, I taught technology fundamentals to students in a special education classroom. This opportunity required me to evaluate needs and develop student-focused teaching strategies along with highly engaging lessons using varied media. I researched students' needs, developed lesson plans and delivered the instruction.

Instructional Computer Consulting, Pullman Schools August 2005- June 2006
Pullman School District
240 SE Dexter Street Pullman, WA 99163

As an independent consultant, I spent an academic year training teachers on the use of MS Office and web technologies in preparation for a new online student records system.

Workshop Instructor, CSU Chico August 1999- March 2001
IT Support Services /Student Computing- CSU Chico
401 W. First Street Chico, CA 95929

As a student employee, I conducted workshops for students and faculty to support their learning and teaching activities. Topics included the use of web technologies, creating websites, use and development activities on learning management systems and more.