

Teaching Philosophy Statements

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“A teaching philosophy statement is a systematic and critical *rationale that focuses on the important components defining effective teaching*”



Getting Started on a Teaching Philosophy Statement

The following questions are intended as prompts to get you started writing a teaching philosophy statement.



Critical Moments in Your Teaching

Think about a recent teaching experience to help you discover what elements are important and work for you.

1. At what moment did you feel most engaged with what was happening?
2. At what moment did you feel most distanced from what was happening?
3. What happened that you found most helpful or affirming?
4. What happened that you found most confusing and distressing?
5. What surprised you the most?



Thoughts on Learning – From Our Own Experience

In order to help you understand how you are likely to teach think about the ways that you learn best.

1. When I was a student some things that really helped me learn were...

2. These helped me learn because....

3. Some things that my instructor did that helped students learn were.....

4. These helped me learn because....

