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Philosophy of Teaching Statement Workshop

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Reflect
3. Organize
4. Draft
5. Review

A dynamic stage performance featuring dancers in elaborate costumes. In the foreground, a dancer in a white suit with blue accents and a purple cape is captured in a powerful pose. To the left, another dancer in a bright red suit with blue patterns is visible. The background shows other performers in red and blue outfits. The word "Reflect" is prominently displayed in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font. The bottom of the image features a decorative pattern of small, light blue diagonal lines.

Reflect

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Reflect on Your Teaching

A philosophy of teaching statement helps clarify and communicate your teaching goals, methods, and values, ensuring a coherent and supportive learning environment. It also evolves with experience, keeping your approach dynamic and demonstrating your commitment to student success.

Reflect



Where to Begin

- What are your primary goals as an educator?
- How do you believe students learn best?
- What teaching methods or strategies do you use, and why?
- How do you engage and inspire students?
- What successes and challenges have shaped your approach?

Reflect

Don't Forget to Include

- Teaching honors and awards
- Teaching grants and Contracts (internal and external)





Organize

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Organize Around Core Themes

Select the main components that will guide your philosophy statement. Using a structure like GRIDS can help with cohesion.

- **Goals:** Define your primary objectives for student learning.
- **Rationale:** Explain why you choose specific teaching methods or approaches.
- **Implementation:** Describe how you put your philosophy into practice.
- **Development:** Emphasize how your teaching supports student growth.
- **Success:** Show how you assess teaching effectiveness and student outcomes.



A young man with dark dreadlocks is smiling and looking towards the camera. He is wearing a large black headset with a microphone. He is wearing a grey t-shirt with a blue and orange logo that says 'MEMPHIS BOUNTY' with a tiger illustration. He is in a broadcast studio setting with blurred equipment and another person in the background. The word 'Draft' is overlaid in large white text.

Draft

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Draft an Outline

1. **Introduction:** Personal Teaching Beliefs and Goals

- Introduce your core beliefs about teaching and learning.
- Describe your overall goals as an educator at the University of Memphis, such as preparing students for their careers, fostering critical thinking, or promoting lifelong learning.

2. **Rationale:** Why You Teach the Way You Do

- Discuss why you've chosen specific approaches or methods.
- Explain how your beliefs align with the university's goals for student success and academic excellence.

3. **Implementation:** Your Teaching Practices

- Describe specific strategies you use in the classroom.
- Include examples, such as using project-based learning, technology integration, or collaborative activities.
- Highlight any innovative techniques or tools you use to enhance learning.

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4. **Development:** Supporting Student Growth and Success

- Emphasize how you foster growth, skill-building, and engagement.
- Discuss ways you help students overcome challenges and build confidence.
- Mention any unique methods you use to develop critical thinking, creativity, or resilience.

5. **Success:** Assessing and Reflecting on Your Teaching

- Describe how you measure your teaching success. This might include student feedback, assessment outcomes, or examples of student progress.
- Discuss how you reflect on your teaching and make improvements.
- Mention any professional development activities you engage in to enhance your teaching.

6. **Conclusion:** Commitment to Student Success and Continuous Improvement

- Summarize your dedication to teaching excellence and commitment to the University of Memphis's mission.
- Highlight your future goals as an educator, such as integrating new pedagogical methods, enhancing student support, or fostering a more inclusive learning environment.

A photograph of three students in a computer lab. In the foreground, a young woman with long black braids with orange highlights is looking towards the left. Behind her, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark patterned shirt, is looking at a computer monitor. In the background, a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue shirt, is also looking at a computer monitor. The lab has several computer workstations with large monitors. A large white word is overlaid in the center of the image.

Review

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Review and Refine

- Aim for clear, direct language that conveys your values and accomplishments.
- Whenever possible, include examples from your teaching to illustrate your points.
- Consider asking a colleague or mentor for feedback to ensure your statement resonates with your professional goals and achievements.





Questions

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