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Basic Information
Department, ESL

Educational Background

- Bachelor of Science Education in English - UTPL
- 25 years of working experience as a teacher of English as a second language.
- 2 years of working experience as a teacher of Spanish to foreign students
- Experienced in working with students of diverse cultural and economic backgrounds
- Qualified to develop Thinking Skills within a content-based program
- Accustomed to implementing international curricular standards in the classroom

Teaching Philosophy

I believe that in order to learn, a student must be highly motivated.

Personally I prefer to base my class on students' own experience, and connect their prior knowledge to new contents to be learned in class.

Another essential thing for me is the correct use of the tools to access information, which are just everywhere now.

It is fundamental to teach students how to use these information tools, and to show them what they can do with this information, to analyse and organize it properly in order to present it in a report or essay.

Basically the teacher does not need to pour contents inside the student's brain, but the other way around. Teachers need to open students' brains (metaphorically speaking) and stir those contents inside until there is some kind of response. And then, work with these reactions to make knowledge flourish among the group in very awake student-centered interaction.

In just a few words, a teacher is there to make students think.

Otherwise a computer could do just as well, or better!

Teaching Specialties

- English as a Second Language
- Spanish for Foreigners
- Grammar and Structure
- Writing
- The Development of Thinking Skills
- Adult Catechesis

Professional Profile

University degree: BS in Education in English - UTPL

Teaching experience: 1999 - present UEES

1996 - 2000 Centro Ecuatoriano Norteamericano

1992 - 1999 C.E. Nuevo Mundo

1987 - 1989 Jefferson Bilingual School

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