



Teaching Portfolios - Building Today for your Career Tomorrow

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Career Portfolios

- Include sample work and evidence of quality.
- Currently used in industry more often than in academia.



What is a Teaching Portfolio?

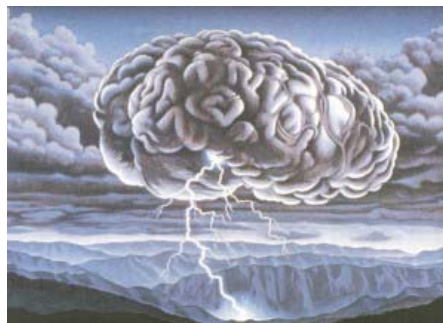


- Extend traditional CV and resumé.
- Show a multi-faceted view of teaching and professional experience.

What's in a Teaching Portfolio?

Brainstorming

[Image - UW Bothell Writing Center](#)



Teaching Portfolio—Typical Contents

- CV or resumé
- Teaching materials
 - Teaching philosophy
 - Syllabi and assignments
 - Sample graded student work
 - Student evaluation excerpts
 - Teaching observation reports
- Honors and awards
- Sample publications
- Professional development descriptions



Further Advice



- Be **SELECTIVE**.
 - Choose your **BEST** work as representative.
- Be **ORGANIZED**.
 - Provide a table of contents or index.
- Be **FORMAT AWARE**.
 - Provide documents in universal formats.
- Writing, spelling and grammar **MATTER**.
 - This is a sample communication – your core business!
- **ASK** for feedback.
 - Advisors and peers can help.

Developing a Teaching Philosophy

- What is it?
 - 1-2 page essay, single spaced
 - Specific requirements and focus change with position
- Takes time and thought.
- Experience helps!
- Start now!



4 Questions to focus on

- Your statement should answer...
 - Why do you want to teach?
 - What objectives are most important?
 - What teaching methods work best– and why?
 - Think in terms of including ALL students
 - How will you measure student learning?
 - Assessment vs. “grading”
 - Satisfaction vs. learning



More detail – see:

[Iowa State's Center for Teaching and Learning Article on Teaching Philosophies](#)

Further Advice



- Be **CONCISE**
 - Resist temptation to stretch page limits
- Be **HUMBLE**.
 - Good teaching takes experience and time to develop.
- **RESEARCH** the position and expectations.
 - Be sure your statement has the right focus, length, etc.
- Be **HONEST**.
 - Don't say what you think they want to hear.
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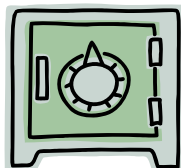
More detail – see Montell's excellent Chronicle article:
<http://chronicle.com/article/How-to-Write-a-Statement-of/45133/>

Other places to go for inspiration



- University of Michigan
 - Rubric by (Kaplan, O'Neal, Meizlish, Carillo, and Kardia, 2005)
 - Examples
- Washington Univ in St.Louis

Where do you put it?



- Think SAFE but FLEXIBLE
 - Technology changes
 - Canvas may not be the LMS at your next institution.
 - PDF's may not let you change what you need to change.
 - How public do you want this to be?

Possible places:

- [Many "e-portfolio" sites like Rcampus](#)
- More general – and free...[Google Sites?](#)
- Physical portfolio for some things.



For more portfolio ideas...

- [Vanderbilt University](#)
or contact us for further discussion...

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