

# Teaching Philosophy Statement: Prompts

Suggested Sections	Prompts
<b>Student Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are my beliefs about learning in post-secondary education? Why do I hold these beliefs?</li> <li>• What does it mean to be a good learner in a post-secondary context?</li> </ul>
<b>Quality Teaching</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who or what has most informed my teaching approaches?</li> <li>• How have my teaching experiences and/or scholarly literature influenced my teaching practice?</li> <li>• What does it mean to be a good teacher in a post-secondary context?</li> <li>• What does good teaching look like in my discipline?</li> <li>• What teaching and learning strategies do I use? How do these strategies align with my beliefs?</li> <li>• When have I felt most engaged and affirmed as an instructor?</li> <li>• What are my key strengths and skills as an instructor?</li> <li>• What am I most proud of? What sets me apart?</li> <li>• What are some of my accomplishments as a post-secondary educator?</li> </ul>
<b>Student Growth and Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What difference do I hope to make as a teacher?</li> <li>• What goals do I hope my students will achieve by the end of my course, in their career, in their lives because of what I've taught in the classroom?</li> <li>• How will I promote student growth in my classroom?</li> <li>• How will I motivate students to learn and lean into challenging tasks?</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching Methods and Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do I ensure that I am putting my teaching philosophy into practice in the classroom?</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Growth Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will I continue to develop, grow, and improve as an educator?</li> <li>• What areas of my teaching require improvement? Why? How do I intend to improve?</li> <li>• What interests me most about teaching in post-secondary education?</li> <li>• What are my future goals and aspirations as an instructor in post-secondary education?</li> <li>• What strategies have I used to evaluate and gather feedback on the effectiveness of my teaching?</li> <li>• What teaching tasks do I find most rewarding? Which teaching tasks do I find most challenging?</li> </ul>

# Worksheet

Reflect on the following questions to help you develop your teaching philosophy:

- Who or what has most informed and influenced how you approach (or will approach) teaching?
- If you were to use a metaphor to describe your approach to teaching, what would it be? Start by brainstorming some characteristics which best describe this metaphor and then draw connections to the teaching and learning environment that you would most want to create.
- What are the three most important claims that you make about your approach to teaching?

	WHAT Beliefs and Values	WHY Literature and Personal Experience	HOW Teaching Strategies	GOALS Professional Development
View(s) of Learning/ Learners				
View(s) of Teaching/ Teachers				
Fostering growth in learners				
Teaching Methods and Strategies				
Professional Development				