

What do you like most about online teaching?

What I like most about online teaching is the ability to be creative with my courses. I have the ability to use online resources to engage students with content. Additionally, students have freedom to complete their work. There are scheduled due dates so as long as the students complete each assignment, quiz, exam, or task prior to that due date, they receive the appropriate credit. Most of my students are currently working in the hospitality industry. The hospitality industry runs 365 days a year and 24/7. That means students working in the hospitality industry, does not necessarily have nights and weekends off to complete their work.

What have been some of the challenges?

One of the most difficult challenges I see students face is time management. While the freedom to complete assignments may be great for some, it is a struggle for others. It takes time for some students to discipline themselves to sit down and complete the work. This may be a challenge but it is also an amazing life learning opportunity.

What are you doing/doing differently that makes your course interesting or unique?

Discussions are a big part of my online classes. This allows students to not only come up with their own ideas and theory, but also engage with one another. Students get the opportunity read each other's experiences, ideas and thoughts which connects them with the specific topic at hand.

What would you say to a student who is considering online learning?

I tell anyone who is interested in online learning to embrace it. While they might find it challenging at first, it really is an excellent way of learning. As long as you manage your time well, you can take classes and fit it within your individual lifestyle.

What would you say to a colleague who is considering redeveloping a course for the online platform?

Do it!! We are able to reach more students by allowing online courses. Time spent lecturing can be replaced with new active learning techniques. Online classes give those students who are working full-time or those who have family obligations, the opportunity to go to school.