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Successful professional military aviator and instructor pilot with extensive experience in curriculum development and content delivery at the K-12, undergraduate and graduate levels. Dynamic teacher and aviation instructor with a proven track record in preparing students for success in college, career, and life.

Talented Instructor effectively facilitates learning for students by providing engaging, relevant instruction. Proficient in crafting lesson plans with clear objectives easily communicated to students and staff.

Top-notch professional with extensive experience in the aviation industry. Highly skilled in teaching FAA instrument rules and procedures during both ground and in-flight phases. Skilled in emergency procedures with aptitude to make quick decisions under pressure.

Skills

- Professional communication
- Critical thinking
- Attention to detail
- Team Collaboration
- Curriculum development and delivery
- Instructional design
- Education assessments
- Academic instruction

Professional Work History

June 2013 - July 2025

Senior Marine Corps Instructor

Hays CISD, Buda, TX

- Lead instructor and primary courseware developer in the Hays High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCIROTC) leadership development program responsible for curriculum, classroom instruction and training of over 100 high school students annually.
- Designed, supervised, and taught the Jack C. Hays MCJORTC Leadership Education curriculum including developing lesson plans and course content.
- Applied various teaching aids to minimize learning gaps and instruct and motivate students.
- Evaluated and revised lesson plans to accommodate learners needs and optimize results.
- Improved student performance by defining clear goals and communicating performance metrics.
- Oversaw curriculum development and implementation in alignment with best practices.
- Initiated new learning methods, eliminating instructional gaps and improving comprehension.

May 2009 - June 2016

Online/In-Person Adjunct Faculty Member

Marine Corps University, Various

- Taught Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) undergraduate level education to active duty and reserve Marine Corps junior officers as adjunct faculty for Marine Corps University.
- Taught two EWS seminar groups for Marine Corps University; one in-person and one online/hybrid class.
- Instructed junior Marine Corps officers USMC doctrine, history, organization, and Marine Air Ground Task Force utilization.
- Taught both synchronous and asynchronous courses
- Developed and taught curriculum utilizing the Blackboard learning platform.
- Advised students in academic matters to improve successful course completion.
- Evaluated and selected instructional materials and texts to prepare course materials and lesson plans.
- Displayed professional demeanor and served as role model for students.

August 2010 - June 2013

Aviation Analyst

Mobius Industries, Camp Pendleton, CA

- Continuing education
- Process enhancement
- Decision-making
- Documentation skills
- Multitasking
- Developed and conducted aviation procedures training for Active Duty and Reserve military members.
- Supervised and conducted training of fixed wing and rotary wing pilots in Close Air Support, Emergency Casualty Evacuation, and Convoy Operations procedures.
- Evaluated customer needs and feedback to drive product and service improvements.
- Collected, arranged, and input information into database systems.
- Performed analysis of stakeholder training requirements and adapted training to meet customer needs.
- Generated reports detailing findings and recommendations.

May 1990 - August 2010

Marine Corps Officer/KC-130 Fixed Wing Pilot

United States Marine Corps, Various

- Lead Instructor Pilot in the KC-130 Hercules multi-engine Aircraft for the United States Marine Corps.
- Lead Instructor Pilot in the UC-12 King Air multi-engine Aircraft for the United States Marine Corps.
- Taught ground and flight instrument procedures to co-pilots and aircrew as both an instrument check and NATOPS instructor pilot.
- Instructed and evaluated co-pilots in all aspects of flight including FAA procedures, FAR/AIM, aerodynamics, flight systems, flight safety and aircrew coordination.
- Reviewed aeronautical charts and used navigational instruments during each flight and maintained strong knowledge of government regulations.
- Conducted all duties as the Operations Officer of a KC-130 squadron including developing and conducting flight training, planning and leading the oversees deployment of detachments, and supervising the day to day operations of a KC-130 squadron of 12 aircraft
- Conducted performance reviews of all staff over over 30 commissioned and staff commissioned officers.
- Acted as Operations Officer of Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton responsible for ensuring the safe conduct of all flight operations.
- Department Head of Operations at Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton responsible for the supervision of multiple sections of active duty Marines including Air Traffic Control, Crash Fire and Rescue, Station Fuels and Flight Planning.

May 2005 - June 2008

Lead Instructor Command and General Staff College

USMC, Fort Leavenworth, KS

- Lead USMC Instructor and Curriculum designer at the US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) teaching graduate level Joint and Multi-National operations.
- Designed and taught the USMC courseware taught to all students from each US military branch and international students attending CGSC.
- Taught in person, online and hybrid classes to students attending the university as well as those remotely participating in classes.
- Acted as subject matter expert in USMC aviation and ground procedures during national and multi-national exercises.
- Evaluated student demographics to make effective choices in class and activity development.
- Motivated junior teachers to provide exceptional learning environments.
- Due to the extensive number of students from foreign nations, created diverse lessons which met learning objectives while being considerate to individual cultural differences and learning needs.
- Modified lessons and curriculum to accommodate diverse learners by using strategies such as peer-assisted learning and group work.
- Created lessons and online testing materials to facilitate remote learning.

Education

Master of Science in Adult And Continuing Education
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology
California State University Fresno, Fresno, CA