## **Statement of Teaching Philosophy**

I love the fact that my life is in education. Teaching has always provided me the opportunity to help students grow – grow in terms of knowledge as well as a successful career path in life.

I have always used the classroom as a means to create a culture that inspires learning. The learning process should be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all involved. In the classroom I have always worked to combine the best of theory with practical application. I enjoy using a collection of readings from various authors on a particular subject and work to supplement these readings with my own personal experience from industry, published case studies and guest lecturers from the real world.

The classroom and degree program does not represent an end in themselves, but, rather, a beginning. It is not only a matter of *what* we learn in a particular class, but gaining an appreciation of *how* to learn. This is a skill that students hopefully take with them through the rest of their lives and readily apply in future situations throughout their lives.

Ideally my students will not only gain a love for learning, but a love for teaching as well. In whatever environment they work in – be it business or education – the greatest gift they can provide is teaching others how to learn and in helping them rise to their fullest potential.