

**Teaching Philosophy** Rokeya B. Rahman

## "By learning you will teach, by teaching you will learn."- Latin Proverb

As an instructor, I begin our journey together with the belief that every student possesses unique capabilities that can flourish when given the appropriate support and environment. My compassion behind taking this journey is to share my knowledge and experiences with others and in turn learn from others. I believe that teaching is the best way to give back to the community to empower oneself and others. An educational achievement is not only just receiving a degree. Education must be integrated with the required skills and knowledge needed for students to become productive members of society. Therefore, my aim is to motivate my students to adopt a growth mindset, to become life-long learners and to become effective contributors for themselves, for their communities, and for the larger society.

I view teacher-student-trusting relationships as the foundation of learning. My commitment is to create a safe and positive atmosphere where students with diverse backgrounds feel comfortable to ask questions, participate in discussions, and express their thoughts and opinions without being judged.

By honoring and supporting each student's different learning styles, multiple instruction strategies besides lectures will be used in my class, includes; small group discussions, debates, individual and group presentations, visual presentations, media use, brainstorming sessions, and hands-on experiences. Students' feedbacks are always appreciated to adapt changes in my teaching strategies for meeting the diverse needs of my class.

I strongly believe that students will be able to attain and implement knowledge, and understand theoretical viewpoints when information given is relevant to their own lives. To clarify concepts from theories and texts, I use real life examples and encourage my students to connect the lessons into their everyday lives.

I aspire to bring an open-mind, a positive attitude, sensitivity and enthusiasm into my classroom each day. My commitment to myself is to bring an equity-minded classroom culture where every student feels connected, valued, nurtured, and supported towards their goals and becomes successful. My expectations for you: come prepared, be engaged, bring an open-mind, and work-hard to reach your goal. Together, we will succeed our journey!