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The Essentials for Effective *Teaching*

- The Granite: Be Passionate and Excited About Your Subject
- Be VERY Organized
- Know Your Students by Name and Get to Know Them
- Show Your Students That You Care About Their Well-being
- Let Your Students Know You and the Things You Value
- Be Very Approachable
- Match the Level of the Material to the Level of the Audience
- Go Old School: Avoid Powerpoint "Lectures" + no eGadgets
- Class-time Should Be Informal, With Lots of 2-Way Q&A
- Constantly Connect the Material to the Real World
- Never Be Easy, But Always Be Fair
- Believe the Student Evaluations (use EC for 100% sampling)
- Seize Your Opportunity To Teach Life Lessons (quotations)

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The Essentials of Effective Mentoring

- The Granite: Foster an Informal, Collaborative Team Vibe
- Show Your Students That You Care About Their Well-being
- Let Your Students Know You and the Things You Value
- Regular Contact Time Is Essential, But Don't Overdo It
- Provide Candid Appraisals, But Always Be Constructive
- Lead by Example Work as Hard as Your Students
- Actively Encourage Your Students To Become Mentors
- Empower Your Students to Use You Only as a Sounding Board
- Always Be Patient, Upbeat and Optimistic
- Provide a Safe Environment for Failure
- Celebrate The Accomplishments of Your Students and Team
- Give Credit Where Credit Is Due (Always Them, Never You!)

Be Joyful and Always Remember the Golden Rule

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The Essentials for Work-Life Balance

- The Granite: Strive to Establish a Sustainable Mode of Living
- Success at Work Without Success at Home ≠ Real Success
- Outside of Work Hobbies are Essential to Your Well-being
- Put Family Before Work, Always
- Let Your Grad Students Help You by Helping Themselves
- Delegate ... Delegate
- Be Hyper-alert to the Symptoms of Stress and Burn-out
- Type-A Symptoms: Hurry Sickness + Free Floating Hostility
- There are NO Email Emergencies
- Reminder: all eGadgets are Addictive No Cell Phone!
- Step Away During Semester Breaks to Recharge
- A Vacation With Your Work in Tow ≠ Vacation
- Daily Contemplation & Prayer + Biannual Silent Retreats
- Remind Yourself What You Love About Life (Work + Home)

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