**Effective teachers must embody respect, kindness, responsibility, compassion, flexibility, organization, intelligence and be inspirational.**

**I believe in mutual respect and kindness…**

I believe that as a teacher I must show respect to my students and that they should show this respect back to me. As the teacher, this means that I am mindful of student’s time and utilize the time I have with them as effectively as possible. I respect when students are struggling in a class and need help. I am kind, because kind words produce happiness and it is a positive environment that fosters education. I understand that every classroom presents with a unique mixture of learners with variable abilities in the classroom and that I tailor my teaching to their needs. From students I expect attendance to my classes, mindfulness for the learners around them and that they are engaged in the lecture when it is class time.

**I believe in responsibility…**

I believe as a teacher it is my responsibility to be available to my students as much as possible. I have a role to be a source of information for my students as well as a guide to point them in the right direction for more information. I have a responsibility to teach my students to be free thinkers, and learn how to educate themselves to be self-sufficient. As a teacher, I need to be energetic and prepared each day that I come to class, to foster a learning environment that is positive and motivational. I believe my students need to be responsible for coming to class prepared, asking for help when they do not understand, and utilizing all the resources available to them.

**I believe in compassion and flexibility…**

I believe in being compassionate with my students. Each individual has unique circumstances and life throws us all curve balls once in a while. I understand and am flexible to the situations that a student is facing and take on the challenge to help them to the best of my ability so that they may still succeed in my class. I am flexible to the learning needs of the individual and class as a whole and it is my goal to teach effectively to the class and individual at all times.

**I believe in organization and intelligence…**

I believe as the teacher I must be intelligent and current on all the subjects that I teach. Learning never ends, and I keep up my end to stay on top of the changes and new information that continues to emerge within the topics that I teach. I am organized in my lectures and time so as to convey clear and thoughtful information to my students.

**I believe in inspiring the future….**

I believe, most importantly, in inspiring the future generation. I think that every individual has something special and unique to bring to the world and I want to help students figure out what that is. I will help students develop their own potential by believing in themselves as capable individuals. I want to help students find a career that when they wake up in the morning, they are excited to go to work…because I have found that.

**I believe in myself…**

I believe in myself to be a great educator because I love what I do. I think teaching affords me the opportunity for continual learning and growth which I hope to instill in my students. My own passion for learning helps me to be dedicated to my students and inspires me to excite them about learning. To be a good teacher I will have positive relationships with my students, to impart to them that someone is supporting them and wanting them to succeed. I am someone who will always strive to be the best educator possible not just because it is my job, but because it is also my passion.