

Teaching For Success Faculty Success Center

Success Insights

DPB #4: You and Only You

DPB stands for Daily Performance Builder. These are questions designed to promote incremental development and mastery of any job. They are used by high-performance people who possess the passion and commitment to do their best and accomplish the most in any situation for which they have responsibility for the outcome.

DPB four laser-spots what you and you alone can accomplish. The question is, "What can You and only You do that will make the greatest difference to your students' success?" Answering this question requires that you really, really know yourself well. It's also an energizing question to ponder. Everyone has a unique set of skills, experiences, and talents. And I would wager that you are no exception.

Use your analysis skills; think about what you and only you can bring to your teaching situation? Is it specialized knowledge, unique experiences, an ability to lead, motivate and energize your students to learn and achieve. Is it a distinctive teaching style, or an unusually good penchant for organizing and relating complex learning tasks? Perhaps, it's your skill in breaking down an abstract concept into simple, understandable learning chunks?

High-performance teachers are those who know their unique capabilities and apply them to solving teaching challenges. As a byproduct, the more you appreciate and apply your idiosyncrasies, the more you can identify and support the individuality of your students—a win-win synergism. This You-and-only-You knowledge will go a long way toward being able to easily teach for success.

~John H, (Jack) Shrawder, Exec. Director,
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