FACULTY PROFILE

Department

CSU College: Safety and Emergency Services
CSU Discipline: Information Technology

Basic Info

Name: Cliff Krahenbill
Title: Full-Time Faculty
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Personal Preferred Availability: Evenings

Education

Master of Science in Cybersecurity
University of Maryland University College

Master of Science in Information Technology
Capella University

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Capella University

Biography

Background
Cliff resides in Tucson, Arizona, where he has lived and worked since 1996. Cliff has worked in technology and cybersecurity since 1998 and worked everything from help desk for Microsoft to being a senior network technology consultant and pentester. Cliff has a number of industry certifications including three MCSEs, and the CompTIA A+, Net+ and Security+. In 2015, Cliff earned his second master’s in cybersecurity from the University of Maryland University College. Cliff earned his first master’s in 2007 from Capella University in information technology. Cliff has been an online instructor since 2008. He is single and has one son, Bryan from a previous marriage who lives and works in San Francisco.

CSU Story
Cliff has been an instructor at CSU since 2011. In 2014, he became part of the full time faculty. Cliff teaches different technology courses and when called upon, develops and revises courses.

Hobbies/Interests
Wood working and scuba diving

Additional Information

Teaching Philosophy
My approach to achieving success in teaching students online is to develop a class environment focusing on student centered learning; allowing students to choose how best they can learn the course material while meeting the course objectives. For my students to be successful I need to address following key points:
• Encourage student-faculty contact
• Encourage cooperation among students
• Encourage active learning
• Gives prompt feedback
• Emphasize time on task
• Communicate high expectations
• Respect diverse talents and ways of learning

Advice for Current Students
Try and enjoy the journey and not hurry to complete your degree program. It took me four years to earn my first master’s, and I have been an online learner since 2003. I still take classes, attend workshops, and attend technical training courses. Keep your eye on the prize!