Hobbies/Interests

- Flying; Horseback Riding; Baseball; Women’s Basketball; Travel; Music

Advice for Current Students

Most students that I have had the privilege to work with are adults. Adults have a good degree of personal experiences and are highly motivated to learn new skills and improve upon old skills and habits. They want and need to be challenged, and as an adult learner, enjoy meeting the challenges presented to them. They like to learn by doing; they want to be actively involved in the training. Having the student bring his and her life experiences into the class discussion whenever possible greatly enhances motivation and learning experience.

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We cover a lot of material in a short amount of time in my courses, so time-management is very important. Do not fall behind! If you do run into a problem, I am here to help. Call or send me an email whenever you have something that can impact on your studies. As long as you ask in advance and there is still time to react, amazing things can happen.