



About me

Two thousand nineteen was my best year ever – why you may be asking – because I graduated with my PhD in eLearning Education and turned 50! You may be saying to yourself ~ Wow, she has made it ~ she has a bright future ahead of her ~ but how did she get there?

I'm a true generation X'er; a product of helicopter parents. Having to learn much on my own produced a strong, empathetic, and determined individual. I believe that experiences, whether good or bad, contribute to one's personal traits and ambition. It is within ourselves that paves the path to our success!



I was an average learner in high school and a lack-luster community college student. After entering the workforce in my early twenties and going absolutely nowhere, I decided that I needed to get serious about academics and find myself a real career. My love of science threw me towards a degree as a medical laboratory technician. After I graduated, I started working immediately in a hospital setting on second shift running around drawing and collecting samples to test. It was the career of my dreams. Everything in my life was going fantastic! I was newly married to my high school sweetheart, just bought a house, and gave birth to my first son. Unfortunately, just a few years later, I was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease, had to leave work on disability, and re-think my career choice.

Once again I found myself back in school so that I could find a job that would fit my physical needs. Knowing that I would only be able to work from home, I turned to online learning to achieve these new goals. While attending an online university in the early 2000's, I came across a few non-responsive instructors and had that "ah ha" moment. It was then that I decided that becoming an online instructor would fit my computer science background, allow me to work from home with my disabilities, and keep my life learning and curious mind intrigued for years to come. Meanwhile in my personal life, I got divorced, re-married, and pregnant with my second child but still went on to earn my master's degree in Computer Science, completely online, graduating in 2004.

I absolutely love teaching online and seeing students flourish in gaining knowledge that I know will help them find their future dream career. Wanting to know more about eLearning and higher education, I decided (again) to go back to school to obtain my PhD (online, of course). While enrolled in my PhD program, I was involved in a car accident resulting in a permanent

injury and my husband was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer passing away in 2017. It took me seven years to earn my PhD in eLearning education, but I did it!

What is the moral of my story? No matter what happens in life, it is you that makes your own choices and decides the outcome of life's trials and tribulations. It is you that needs to be strong and keep going so that you can make the most of your life for both yourself and your family. Education and support are two of the most powerful things that can assist you in achieving your goals. ELearning is a convenient way of gaining knowledge, however, it is a different way of learning and I am here to provide you with tips and insight to assist you in being successful along your online academic journey. I am a firm believer that you can accomplish anything in life if you put forth your best effort!