

Here are three *Personal Goals* for effective teaching:

1. use of cooperative learning groups and other group activities

My educational experience as a student taught me to dislike group activities, typically to the point of causing me to “zone out” for any learning experience involving groups. One of my goals is to overcome my feelings in this area, and learn the correct ways to use group activities in the classroom, so that my students will benefit from the group work, and will not develop a dislike for it as I did in school.

2. complete my Masters and Educational Specialist degrees

My grandfather, on my mother’s side, was a strong influence on my early educational development, and one of the most important things he stressed with me was the need for continual education and improvement. So, I believe that one of the most powerful ways for me to become, and continue to be, an effective teacher, will be to pursue these higher levels of education.

3. contribute to the professional community

As described in Bloom’s Taxonomy, one of the ways to really learn something is to be responsible for teaching it to others. So, one of my goals to become, and continue to be, an effective teacher is to contribute to the professional teaching community through submitting articles or other items (e.g. lesson plans) to professional publications (especially those that require a vigorous examination before publication), offering to teach professional development workshops, and volunteering to be on curriculum development committees.