Job Point Faculty Qualifications

Office Technology/Retail Sales

Tania Cook has a Bachelors Degree in Business and Office Education from Truman State University. She possesses 32 years of experience teaching office technology and retail sales at Job Point, plus five years of practical experience in these areas. She is a member of the Missouri and National Business Education Association and numerous local business and social organizations. Ms. Cook is a five-time winner of Job Point's Employee of the Year award.

Construction Trades

Johnnie Elliott has been employed with Job Point's trades programs since 2011, and has over 39 years of experience in the highway/heavy construction field, including 30 years as project superintendent. He holds teaching certification in NCCER for Core and Highway/Heavy Construction in addition to ATSSA Traffic Control (Flagger).

Justin Anthony is a Journeyman Level Sheet Metal Worker with seven years of experience. He also has four years of experience in carpentry, and three in Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning. He is a former Columbia Police Officer with certifications in Crises Intervention Team Training and as a School Resource Officer with two years of experience working with youth at risk in the school system. He is certified by NCCER to teach Core, Carpentry, Highway/Heavy Construction and Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning for students. He has been employed as a trades instructor with Job Point since 2018.

Sam Abdullah has a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis on Adult Education. He has 21 years of direct work experience in Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC), 14 of which he operated his own business. He was a building inspector, rehabilitation specialist and home performance inspector at the City of Columbia, Missouri for 14 years. Mr. Abdullah has taught trades at numerous schools to include Associated Builders & Contractors in Los Angeles, Kansas City Community College, Central Texas College, Texas County Institute and Columbia Area Career Center. He has numerous certifications and licenses encompassing: electrical, plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, project design, management and teaching. He has extensive certification through NCCER both as a Craft Instructor and as a Curriculum Performance Evaluator, including, but not limited to Core, HVAC (through Level 4), Electrical (through Level 4), Pipefitting, Plumbing, Sheet Metal, Masonry, Carpentry, Crew Leader, Rigging and Power Generation. He has been employed as HVAC Instructor at Job Point since 2017.

Travis Kroner has 20 years experience in the construction arena, including owning and operating how own business. His past work includes new construction, remodeling, and government contracting. He is certified by NCCER to teach Core and Carpentry, and has been as Construction with Job Point since 2020.

Health Care Occupations

Jeanne Ortbals is a Registered Nurse who holds an Associates of Nursing degree. She has over 24 years of experience in the field, and has been teaching Certified Nursing Assistant courses for Job Point since 2011.

Debra Wilson is a Registered Nurse who holds an Associates of Nursing degree and Bachelor's in Education. She has 11 years of experience in the nursing field, ten years teaching experience in the public school system, three

years of experience in case management with the County Health Department, and has been teaching Certified Nursing Assistant courses for Job Point since 2018.