

Faculty Advisor Information

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- Ed.D. University of Akron
- M.S.Ed. St. John College of Cleveland
- B.S.Ed. University of Dayton

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

Great college and a chance to work with students who want to become teachers.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Go to class, participate, and turn in all assignments.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Seeing students succeed and become teachers.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Walking, vintage cars, and reading.



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Education:

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- M.S. John Carroll University
- B.S. Notre Dame College

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- SUNY Potsdam, Bachelor of Music Degree
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Tuesday

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Education:

- M.S. University of Dayton
- M.S. Cleveland State University
- B.A. University of Michigan

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

My hobbies are: Reading, Travel, Technology and Sports; I am a volunteer with the local and national USA Swimming entities. I also am a volunteer consultant with OHSAA for the Ohio Swimming and Diving Tournament

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I was given the opportunity to begin the graduate Technology Facilitator Endorsement program. I designed and implemented the course ware for this program and continue program administrator. I also believe in the diversity culture that is encouraged and promoted by Notre Dame College.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

The change factor in technology is exciting. When I look back at how we used to do things in the past, it seems so archaic. I welcome and embrace the changes in technology while realizing that are pros and cons to our digital communication technologies and how the millennial generation will be using these tools.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Don't be afraid to fail - whether in academics, sports or social situations. Sometimes we learn the most by facing challenges. We don't have to be perfect the first time in anything; the important thing is to mature from our experiences.



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Education

- Ph.D., M.A., B.A. Kent State University

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I appreciate the mission of the college because it reflects my own sense of social justice. I also believe that the students at Notre Dame are exceptionally nice people!

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Study! Study more than you think you should. Take advantage of small chunks of time to study. Try to read something for enjoyment every day besides text messages. Broaden your horizons by reading, getting to know people, visiting professors during office hours, getting out into the community to check out museums and special events, and volunteering in something worthwhile.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

I get to help mold the lives of future teachers, and thus thousands of children. What's better than that?



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Education:

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Education:

- Ph.D. University of Akron
- M.A. University of Akron
- B.S. University of Akron
- A.A.S. University of Akron

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I chose to teach at Notre Dame College because of the diversity of students and the small classroom model. I am committed to helping students learn and grow and this environment offers me that opportunity.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

I would advise first year students to make themselves a weekly study schedule. It is easy to get overwhelmed and put assignments and studying off - especially while adapting to college.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

I am passionate about the fields of criminal justice and homeland security and the ways in which both are constantly evolving.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Outside of NDC I enjoy spending time with my family and close friends.

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Education:

- Ph.D., M.A. The University of Akron
- B.A. Ohio University

Why did I choose to teach at NDC?

I chose NDC because I love being a part of the special time in someone's life when their educational journey begins to conform to their chosen path. There's only a few times in our lives when we have the opportunity to learn about so much about our world, how amazing is it to be part of that?!

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Psychology is exciting to study, not only do you learn about the people in your world, you learn about yourself at the same time.

What do I enjoy doing outside of teaching?

I love taking my dog for morning walks, before the world gets hectic and loud, Miles and I stroll through the neighborhood and I'm reminded of the importance of smelling the air, looking around, and having fun.



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Education:

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Education:

- M.B.A. Kent State University
- B.A. Hiram College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I like teaching at a small liberal arts college. It allows me to get to know the students in my classes. I also enjoy working individually with students in advising sessions.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Don't be afraid to ask questions when you don't understand something. Ask for help when you need it. The college offers a lot of support services including free tutoring services.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Management Information Systems involves using technology and software to solve business problems. Solving problems is fun!

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I like to read, garden and take hikes with my dog. I also enjoy travelling, attending concerts and visiting museums.



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Education:

- Ph.D. Case Western Reserve University
- M.A., B.A., Cleveland State University

Why choose NDC: I chose to teach at NDC because I had the opportunity to further develop the psychology department. I was ready to switch gears in my career and teach at a smaller teaching college rather than solely conduct research. I was looking for a chance to teach a discipline that I love in the hopes of passing the passion for the field on to students.

To be a successful college student, first and foremost, you have to want to get an education; to learn. Learning requires effort, so put forth the effort. Get to know fellow students and your faculty, and of course, have some fun.

Psychology is an exciting discipline to me because it is everywhere. It is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes and I find behavior and mental processes are often little understood and are taken for granted. It is so exciting to learn that psychology is not about common sense and that humans are extremely complex, and interesting subjects for study.

When not teaching or assessing, I enjoy reading, kayaking, swimming, beach time, hanging out at the Lake Erie Islands, Palm Harbor Fl., Disney World, and Key Largo, FL. I love the water and the sun!

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Education:

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3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Education:

- B.A: Notre Dame College
- MME: Indiana University
- MA: John Carroll University
- DMin: St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

As a Sister of Notre Dame I feel a deep resonance with the mission of Notre Dame College as well as its educational heritage. NDC has given me a wonderful opportunity to witness God's goodness and provident care to my students and to help them embrace more deeply the values of truth, beauty, and love.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

- Attend class faithfully.
- Do all the assignments—using your syllabus to plan ahead and keep up with the work.
- Even if you're in a course that has no direct relation to your intended major or that holds no immediate interest for you, make a real effort to find something in it that can make you a better person.
- Talk to your professor if you're having a problem with the material or anything related to the class. Take advantage of office hours, e-mail, and any other opportunities for feedback.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

The opportunity to help students address ultimate questions (like "Does God really exist" or "Why do we suffer?"), to clarify their own life purpose and values, and to develop or strengthen their relationship with the Sacred.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I love to play the piano, compose music, walk vigorously☺, do leisure reading, and work word puzzles.



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Education:

- Ph.D. Case Western Reserve University
- B.S. Geneva College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I enjoy seeing students engage in the process of discovery.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Get a day planner. Being as organized as possible will allow you to stay ahead of the game and be successful in your career, both now and after college.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Biology is an awesome field of study! I love seeing how the body works, especially in the defense against disease.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Spending time with my husband and kids.



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Education:

- Ph.D. Case Western Reserve University
- B.S. Fredonia State University
- A.S. Jamestown Community College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I have chosen to teach at the undergraduate level because I enjoy seeing students learn something new. I like to be there at their personal moments of discovery.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

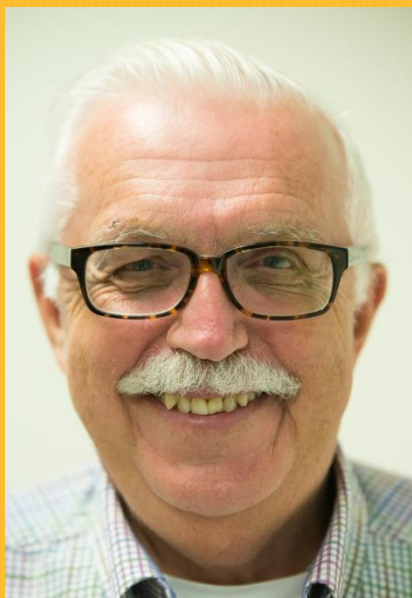
Understand why you are at college. Don't just go to college because someone has told you to go, you should be at college because of a personal desire to attend college.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

The most exciting thing about my specialty is to understand how something works. I particularly enjoy being at the moment of discovery, either when something is being newly reported on, someone is making a new personal discovery, or when something completely unknown has been revealed for the first time.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I enjoy spending time with my family.



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Education:

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- M.A., B.S. The Ohio State University



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Education:

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- M.A. Bowling Green State University
- B.A. Baldwin-Wallace College



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Education:

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- D.N.P. Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, CWRU
- M.A. Ashland Theological Seminary
- M.S., Kent State University
- M.S.N. Kent State University
- B.A. Lake Erie College



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Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Education:

- M.A. University of Akron
- B.F.A. Colby Sawyer College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

Love the small size and Liberal Arts education.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

BUY THE BOOKS and DO THE READING.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Communication and Theatre do not truly resonate via technology. I love human interaction!

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Reading, writing, learning, nature and animals!



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Education:

- Ph.D. Kent State University
- M.S. University of Kentucky
- B.S. University of Florida

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I truly believe in the Notre Dame College experience and the opportunity to be a part of something that is bigger than all of us-- changing the world one student at a time

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

If you want to succeed, ENGAGE!! Go to class, ask questions, be vulnerable in the classroom...

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

The law and public policy is fascinating-- always changing, never the same---

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I love challenges whether it is running 2 marathons in two weeks, rooting for the underdog, reading great books, etc....



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Wednesday

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Thursday

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.



Education:

- Ph.D. Kent State University
- M.Ed., B.S. The Ohio State University

What information about your life away from campus would you like to share with incoming students?

I live in Broadview Heights (20 miles from campus) with my husband of 13 years and two school age children, Ethan and Maya.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

For fun, I enjoy outdoor activities (hiking, biking, jogging, gardening), traveling (especially to National Parks and the ocean), photography, going to museums, and attending my children's activities. I serve my community as an educational foundation trustee and STEM committee member for my local school district and as a Girl Scout leader.

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I enjoy teaching and serving students at Notre Dame. It is rewarding to mentor and guide students through their own journey of personal and professional discovery. Creating opportunities for students to live the NDC mission through classes and informal learning experiences (e.g., Choose Ohio First STEMM, service-learning research, etc.) can help students along this journey. Helping students persevere through difficulties to achieve academic, career, and personal successes is a challenging, but meaningful part of my career at NDC.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Microbes are everywhere and impact so much of our lives - health, agriculture and food production, environmental quality, etc. Microbial ecology is a growing and expanding frontier in the sciences. There is limited knowledge about the microbial communities in/on the human body and in the environment. By using genomic and traditional methods, scientists are discovering new microbes and their role in the environment every day. In this expanding field, there are many opportunities for curious and dedicated students to make a scientific contribution.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Go to class, complete all assigned readings and assignments, study, read and expand your mind, make good friends (especially with students in your major), meet with your academic advisor regularly for academic and career mentoring, set short-term and long-term goals, expand your horizons (go to a museum, try a club, participate in a service activity), seek help if you need it, find a way to give back or to pay it forward, do more than the minimum.

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2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Education:

- Undergraduate- Cleveland State University 2000 Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Graduate- Western Governor's University 2016 Master of Science in Nursing Education

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I chose to teach at Notre Dame College for a few different reasons. First, the Nursing Program at NDC had a well-respected and accredited reputation in the community. Secondly, I was looking to teach obstetrics nursing which is my specialty. Lastly, I liked that it is a smaller college and I felt that as a new lecturer I wouldn't be overwhelmed but I could also give students more individual attention than at a larger institution.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

You need to form student study groups. I cannot emphasize that enough. Trying to study on your own in the nursing program is just too difficult. You need a support network to make it through this difficult program. In addition, other students may have a unique perspective on class information, or can help you understand a difficult topic. Develop good study skills; find out what works for you, and make sure you get to know your instructors.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

I am extremely passionate about women's health and obstetric/gynecologic nursing. It has been my passion since I was a teenager. I have been blessed to witness thousands of births, and have had the privilege to learn humility from these women and their newborns. It has taught me that no matter what I am experiencing, things in my life can always be worse. It has really given me a sense of perspective.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I enjoy going to the movies, spending time with my kids and family, trying new restaurants, and summertime.



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Education:

- Ph.D. Central Michigan University
- M.A. John Carroll University
- M.A. University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy
- B.A. Notre Dame College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I chose NDC because I am a Sister of Notre Dame and after 26 years of teaching girls in High School at Regina and Notre Dame Academy, I was tired of 16-year-old drama but I was not tired of teaching, so...

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

How to be successful: Go to class. Do your homework. Ask questions and if you don't want to ask them in class, go to office hours. Find at least one or two other students in each of your classes to form a study-buddy group and work with them regularly.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Most exciting about mathematics? The way that mathematics is the language of science, that mathematical principles underlie art and music, and many other tie-ins with other areas of knowledge.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Outside of NDC and teaching I enjoy being in choirs and singing, reading books especially science fiction and fantasy but also biography, historical novels and basically anything printed.



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2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Education:

- Ph.D. Kent State University
- M.A. Kent State University
- B.A. Ashland College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I have always wanted to work at a small, private liberal arts college where the focus is on teaching. When the opportunity to join the faculty at NDC came along, I knew I had found exactly the kind of place where I wanted to be.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Go to class, complete your assignments and hand them in on time, and do the assigned reading. To succeed, you've got to read! Manage your time well, eat right, get your rest and make time for doing fun things. Take advantage of the social and academic opportunities that come along. Don't wait until the last minute to prepare for exams, write a paper or start a project. Take notes in class and review them on a regular basis. Keep in mind that at least half of your college education takes place outside of the classroom.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

History is the ultimate interdisciplinary subject - historians get to study and learn about every aspect of human achievement and relationships. History offers something for everyone - fascinating personalities, great events, the chance to learn about other cultures, the rise and fall of nations and empires, great achievements, epic failures and so much more. History provides a window into the past that helps explain why we are as we are today, and is an ever evolving field of study



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Education:

- Master in Education- Mathematics, Curriculum and Instruction, Cleveland State University
- Bachelors in Secondary Mathematics Education, Kent State University

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I am teaching at Notre Dame College because it is a growing and developing school that holds true to the traditions of the Sisters of Notre Dame. It is an exciting time to be a part of this amazing school!

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Advice that I would offer to incoming freshman is GO TO CLASS, do all of your work to the best of your ability and get involved in a club, sport, or other activity here at Notre Dame. There are some many wonderful opportunities available to the students of NDC to get involved. Take advantage of them!

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

What I love about teaching mathematics is seeing how students attack problems and figure them out. I love watching them working together, communicating and problem solving. I love when students come back to me semesters later and tell me how something they learned is still so relevant in their personal or professional world. I love combining my two passions of mathematics and education to form the new Math Educators Club.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

In my spare time I like to spend time with my husband, 3 kids, and big dog usually watching one of the kids numerous sporting events. I also like to bike and hang out with friends and family.



Rachel Morris, Ph.D.

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Education:

- M.A. Case Western Reserve University
- B.A Seton Hill College

What's your family like? Do you have any pets?

I come from a large Italian family and my husband comes from a large Irish family so we have big family gatherings with lots of story- telling and tons of food. We have two daughters who both still live in the Cleveland area (we're happy about that). We have always had pets in our house from Goldie the 7 year old gold fish to 6 cats and one great lab. We're down to two rescue cats right now but the house is always pretty lively.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I spent the summers and my free time working in my studio on art. I do works on paper and hand-made books. I also love to work in my garden during the summer and travel whenever I get the chance. I've been to Europe several times but would go just about anywhere. I love travel adventures. I also love to read and enjoy spending time reading in my garden.

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I started teaching part time when my children were born and then I was asked to become a full time faculty member when our youngest daughter was 3 years old. I already knew how much I loved to teach and especially work with NDC students. Growing the art programs at NDC has been very interesting, not always a smooth ride but a good struggle none the less. And the arts have certainly grown at Notre Dame haven't they? Many people say NDC feels like a second home and that has been true for me. Students often stay in touch and I so enjoy hearing about their successes, their families and lives over the years.



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Education:

- Ph.D. Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio
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Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I was educated at a small college (Hiram) and loved the interactions I had with my professors. I felt I knew them and that they knew me. Many lived close to campus and would have occasional gatherings at their home. I wanted to get to know my students to help them achieve their goals.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

To me chemistry & biochemistry are puzzles with a purpose. That is to understand the natural world.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame?

I have many interests, but mostly I like being active. I like to run, walk, hike, backpack. I love being outside in nature.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Most students don't truly study something until they know it well. Learning takes time and truly most classes take 1.5 hours out of class for every hour in class to learn the material well. Also, learning is an actual process- students can't be given information but can be coached to learn by an instructor.



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Education:

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What's your family like? Do you have any pets?

My son Addison is twenty years old and lives in North Carolina; My wife and I live in Cleveland Heights.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

During the late Spring, Summer, and early Fall months, I crew on a sailboat that races on the Great Lakes. I have my Captain's license and often help others learn to sail their own boats. When I am not being a professor or sailor, I can be found hunting for rare books; I have spent the last 30 plus years collecting antiquarian books. At one point in my life I was a prolific sculptor, mainly working in wood, stone and metals. These days, I create one piece a year which I gift to my son. I am also a participant in Cleveland's active arts and culture scene, often attending gallery openings and visiting our world class museums and orchestra.

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

A passion of mine is introducing others to the joy of philosophy and how it helps us to live a life of excellence, or what the ancient Greeks called *Arête*. NDC also cares deeply about not only preparing students for a job but also for living a life through a values based education. It is a natural fit or as the Sisters would say, "providence" that I choose to teach at NDC.

Final thoughts!

I taught my first class at NDC way back in 1993, and it has truly been a joyful two decades; I have successfully avoided work by finding my passions in life... this is what I wish for all our students... successfully completing a liberal arts education is a strong beginning. Good Luck at NDC!



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What's your family like?

My wife Jill and I have 3 boys: Joshua, Ryan, and Noah.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

With 3 boys, I am either coaching or watching a football, soccer, baseball, or basketball game. We also travel to Disney every year. I am also a volunteer business consultant for SCORE.

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I chose to teach at NDC because of the opportunity to share my career experience with others and hopefully guide students to choose the right career and lead them on a path towards success.

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What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

- 1. Make some friends.** Meet and collaborate with many groups of students, faculty, staff and guest speakers. It will enrich your college experience and help you to have a network of support, if you have questions or need a solution to a problem.
- 2. Verify that the degree you have chosen meets your expectations and work toward the skills that you will need to be successful.** Visit Career services to investigate the various jobs/internships that your degree will fill. Also, shadow someone who works in the field. You may find that the actual job is different from your expectations or confirm your desire to work in this field.
- 3. Meet with your advisor before the open registration for classes.** Introduce yourself and confirm that the advisor has all the documents that you believe he or she should have access to (AP, transcripts etc.).
- 4. Look at the Catalog.** As a freshman in Fall of 2016, the NDC 2016-2017 catalog describes the requirements for graduation and lists the classes needed for each degree. This is a very helpful document.
- 5. Form study groups for some of your classes.** If you would like tutoring support (Dwyer Success Center), set up a schedule to see the tutor weekly (same day and time): this is helpful during the busy times of the semester.
- 6. Reach out to professors.** Most are very enthusiastic about the subject they teach and enjoy supporting students in their pursuit of understanding on the topic



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- Ph.D. University of Notre Dame
- M.A. University of Notre Dame
- M.A. University of Indiana
- B.A. Notre Dame College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I chose NDC because I graduated from NDC when it was a women's college. I love the small campus which is near my home.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Advice to new students for success: set your own priorities before you start, and be faithful to them. Do assignments FIRST and then socialize. Buy all your books and give quiet time to reading them. Get to know someone who is different from you—go beyond your comfort zone.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

The most exciting thing about theology is that every single person lives a spiritual life and seeks answers to timeless questions. So theology enriches everyone, no matter what career path or religious background you have.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Outside of NDC, I am learning to play the ukulele and dance the tango (not at the same time!) I also love to work in my garden and see good films and live theater.



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Education:

- Ph.D. Loyola University Chicago
- M.A. Bowling Green State University
- B.A. Notre Dame College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I love American Literature. The mission and ministry of NDC match those of the Sisters of Notre Dame and because of the students, small classes and colleagues.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

It's new every year. It stretched me to think, read, write and make a difference.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I enjoy going to the theatre. Writing fiction based on local history and walking outdoors.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame?

Be a sponge. Absorb everything you can-classes, the news, campus life, prayer, friendship, Cleveland.....

Be involved- in every class every day, at least one co-curricular each semester, and go to performances, library exhibits, and athletic events.

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Education:

- B.A. Allegheny College
- M.A. Ashland University
- Ph.D. Walden University

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I have wanted to teach at a small liberal arts college, similar to Allegheny College, since I was a Senior in high school. Teaching at Notre Dame is the fit I was looking for, a professional well respected institution.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Devise a schedule that works for you and you will manage all your work well!

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

I love teaching and now to have the opportunity to teach people how to teach, is a special double bonus !

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I have a love for reading, gardening, and kittens/cats !



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- B. S. The Ohio State University
- A.A. Lorain County Community College

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I chose to teach at Notre Dame College because God opened a door. I was a public school teacher working with middle school students with behavioral issues. A position opened here at NDC. After praying about everything it would mean to accept the position, I trusted God that He would supply all of my needs, and stepped through the door He opened. It has been fantastic.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Get to know your classmates and your professors. Don't be afraid to ask questions when you don't understand, or are unsure of something. You are here for a reason, so believe in yourself!

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Special Education (MMIS) is a field of opportunity. You get to touch kids' lives, and they touch yours right back.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Although I haven't had any formal training, I like to take pictures of animals, sunsets, and Civil War battlefields. Sometimes I am lucky enough to get to combine the three for amazing visuals. My favorite Civil War battlefield is Gettysburg. I also began section-hiking the Appalachian Trail a few years ago, so backpacking is an emerging activity for me. Connecting with God through nature is amazing. I have also begun to do a bit of bikepacking, which is related to backpacking. Instead of hiking, you ride your bike and camp along the trail. Another activity good for Northeast Ohio is snowshoeing. I have a pair of snowshoes, and have had the occasion to use them a few times when the weather hasn't been sub-zero.



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My family owns a golden doodle named Lucy,
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Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I decided to teach at Notre Dame College because the school believes deeply in the ongoing formation of the entire person, not just in ways that exclude the spiritual.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

A successful first year student should aim to help fulfill the mission of the College itself: “Notre Dame College, a Catholic institution in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, educates a diverse population in the liberal arts for personal, professional and global responsibility.”

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

It is not an accident that theology is considered the “queen of the sciences.” The most exciting aspect of theology is that it helps provide students with a comprehensive world and life view—something that is desperately needed in a world that is marked by fragmentation.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Spending time with my wife and kids, reading and writing, following West Virginia University sports teams (especially football and men’s basketball), surfing the internet, cooking, jogging, cleaning.

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Education:

- M.B.A., B.B.A. Cleveland State University
- Certified Public Accountant, State of Ohio
- Fulbright Scholar 2006-07

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I liked the environment – the students and my colleagues.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Get to know your professors, come prepared to class and last but certainly not least – DO YOUR HOMEWORK!!!!

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Accounting is an ever changing field so you are constantly learning.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Reading, biking, boxing (this is new for me but I love it), boating and spending time with family and friends on my deck at home.



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Education:

- Ph.D. Texas Tech University
- M.A., B.A. University of Muenster

What information about your life away from campus would you like to share with incoming students?

I am originally from Germany and have been in the US for 12 years now.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

I enjoy watching movies, reading, and taking my wife out to eat.

Why did you choose to teach at Notre Dame College?

I really enjoy the personal atmosphere that a small private liberal arts college provides.

What do you find most exciting about your specialty?

Knowing how people think is incredibly interesting to me.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

Study hard and be sure to ask for help if you need it!



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Education:

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- M.A. John Carroll University
- B.A. John Carroll University

About Dr. Zimmerman:

Dr. Zimmerman's areas of specialty are British Literature, Shakespeare, modern and contemporary novel, and literary theory and criticism. Outside of work, she is a part of a blended family with two sons, and a step-son and step-daughter, all between ages 10 and 16. Her family shares their home with two cats, a rescue and a purebred Ragdoll, named Coco and Garbo, respectively; both are very spoiled felines. In her spare time she likes reading, biking, canoeing, traveling and spending time with her family. She loves hockey and is a huge Columbus Blue Jackets' fan. One of her personal and professional interests is popular culture. She helped found and now advises NDC's Pop Culture Club, because she really likes movies and TV shows like *Game of Thrones*, *Modern Family* and *Boardwalk Empire*. Every year she attends an international conference on popular culture and has delivered papers on topics ranging from *The Big Bang Theory* to the standup comedy of Jim Gaffigan. Feel free to visit her office and discuss pop culture, hockey, books or any of your interests; she truly enjoys meeting the college's new students as they begin a new adventure in their lives.

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How would you describe your role with students?

I am here to assist students in whatever way possible to ensure their academic success, personal development and access to resources on campus. Through one-on-one advising, workshops and classroom visits, my goal is to become a trusted resource to help students navigate the path from first day of school all the way to graduation.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

My advice for first year students is to reach out when you need help or have questions. There are so many places to turn for help and people really invested in your success. Take advantage of our caring community.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

Outside of working at Notre Dame, I enjoy my time with my husband, two-year-old son, and two cats. I also sing with the praise team at my church in South Euclid.



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- MBA, Lake Erie College (Expected Dec. 2016)
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How would you describe your role with students?

Service as a mentor and advisor for all student seeking assistance. A point person for any questions a student may have during their college experience. I understand the role of a student and what the expectations are of a higher learning institution are; I hope to share my experience with students to help guide them to success toward a degree.

Why did you choose to work at Notre Dame College?

Notre Dame College provided the best opportunity for personal and professional development.

What advice would you give first year students on how to be successful at Notre Dame College?

NETWORK! take the opportunity to meet new people. Make it a goal or habit to introduce yourself to new faces especially in the field that you have interest in pursuing after graduation.

Do not be afraid to ask questions, asking questions is how people learn.

What do you find most exciting about your job?

The interaction with students here at NDC is great. Student seem to be engaged and are interested in the work they are doing.

I feel like I am making an impact in some students lives, giving them some type of advice, guidance and support.

Working on a college campus helps me to stay energized and encourages me to continue to network and meet new people.

What do you enjoy doing outside of teaching at Notre Dame College?

For the past two summers I played baseball in the collegiate 22U Great Lakes Baseball League , now I just watch by former teammates play ball.

I enjoy summers in Northeast Ohio and spend a lot of time exploring new roads on a motorcycle along with my brother and other bikers.

I am a grad student at Lake Erie College, I have been in the program for close to 2 years and expecting to graduate in December of 2016.

My girlfriend and I are really competitive and active participants of ESPN Fantasy Football.