**Teaching/Learning Philosophy**

**Planning Sheet**

IDCF1088B Planning for Instruction Course Competency:

* construct a personal philosophy of learning congruent with the mission, policies, and procedures of NBCC

**NBCC’s Vision**

Transforming Lives and Communities

**NBCC’s Purpose**

We are a collaborative, learner centred college – creatively contributing to social and economic prosperity through applied learning

**Values**

* We learn together to encourage, engage and inspire
* We learn together to lead with integrity
* We learn together to do the right thing
* We learn together to embrace innovation
* We learn together to develop strong relationships

(NBCC Strategic Plan introduced by President Marilyn Luscombe on Monday)

**The definition of “Philosophy” is:**

* A viewpoint
* Values which one lives by

**What is a teaching philosophy?**

* A summary of what you understand teaching and learning to be and how it should be valued
* Deep self-reflection
* Explanation of your uniqueness as an educator
* Presentation of your journey of teaching and learning…. Whether you are a new or seasoned instructor you have experience in teaching and learning.

**Why do you need a teaching philosophy?**

* Provides a clear vision of what you are doing
* Professional growth
* To understand how you are connected
* If you move on in education – you will be asked to present one

***Keep in mind your philosophy will change over time….as it changes you will understand how you have grown as an educator.***

**Consider Brainstorm discussion:**

* What do you mean by learning?
* Values and beliefs about teaching?
* What do you wish to do as an educator…encourage, promote lifelong learning?
* What is your teaching style or approach?
* What are your expectations of your students?
* Why are you unique?

**How do you see yourself as a teacher/learner?**

* What, how, why, who?

**Foundations**

What – is good teaching?

How – do students learn?

Why – is what I do significant (approach/strategies/styles)?

Who – am I as a teacher?

**A few more things….**

* Use I statements…this one is all about you
* Be honest
* Decide on the information you want to share – experiences…
* Why did you want to teach?
* Who influenced you?
* What characteristics do you value in a teacher?
* Focus on how you teach and not what you have taught
* Indicate your enthusiasm for teaching
* Be specific
* Be creative as this represents you!