

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 33 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 Gipson holds teaching certification in NCCER for Construction Craft Laborer, Rigging, Core Curriculum and Highway/Heavy Construction (HHC). In addition to familiarity with heavy machinery, truck operation, road work and equipment repair, his formal education includes a heavy emphasis in technical classes and skills. He has six years teaching experience, is a certified Basic Life Saving First Aid/CPR/AED instructor, and was first employed by Job Point as HHC Instructor in 2016.

Justin Anthony is a Journeyman Level Sheet Metal Worker with seven years of experience. He also has five 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 was first employed as a trades instructor with Job Point in 2018.

Travis Kroner has 21 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.

Kenneth Petska has been employed with Job Point for over one year and is certified by NCCER as a Core Instructor, Curriculum Proctor and Performance Evaluator. He also holds EPA 609 certification.

Health Care Occupations

Jeanne Orbals is a Registered Nurse who holds an Associates of Nursing degree. She has over 25 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 12 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.