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 36 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

Travis Kroner has 22 years of experience in the construction arena, including owning and operating his 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 since 2020 and is certified by NCCER as a Core Instructor, Curriculum Proctor and Performance Evaluator. He also holds EPA 609 certification and is a certified CPR/First Aid instructor.

Dustin Chasteen has been employed as a Construction Instructor by Job Point since December 2022. He is a graduate of Job Point's Highway Heavy Construction program. He has five years experience in retail management for a big box retailer plus six additional years experience in the logistics industry. He is a certified instructor for NCCER Core and Roofing Level One and Two. He possesses certification as Train the Trainer Forklift Operator Safety Program by Forklifts of St. Louis, Inc. and is a certified CPR/First Aid instructor.

Nick Durkin has been employed as a Job Point Construction instructor since April 2023. He has 27 years experience in construction management, and is certified as a Craft Skills Construction Technology instructor by NCCER.

James Smithee has been employed as a Job Point Construction Instructor since October 2023. He has 44 years experience in the heating, ventilation & air conditioning industry. He is certified as a test proctor by ESCO Institute for EPA-608. He is a veteran of the US Air Force, Honors Graduate of Aerospace Ground Equipment School, and US Army Honors Graduate of Artillery Survey School, with Air Force Security Rating of "Secret".

Joshua Ireland has a Bachelor's degree in Engineering and 26 years experience, including seven years as owner/operator of a construction business and seven years as a project superintendent. He is a US Navy veteran with commendations as a Navy/Marine Achievement Medal, three Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal. He was hired as a Job Point Construction Instructor in February 2024, and is certified in OSHA 10 and OSHA 30.

Tom O'Connor is a Professional Engineer and Master Electrician. He has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration. He has operated an engineering firm for 32 years designing and managing projects, training and supervising staff on energy systems and teaching classes for utility system operators.

Health Care Occupations

Jeanne Ortbals is a Registered Nurse who holds an Associates of Nursing degree. She has over 27 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 14 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.

Eva Morgan is a Registered Nurse who has served as a Certified Nursing Assistant test administrator for Job Point since 2020. Having worked in the nursing field, advancing along the career ladder from Certified Nursing Assistant to Certified Medication Technician to Licensed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse to Assistant Director Of Nursing to Director Of Nursing, and in 2018 to Executive Director of a long-term care facility, Eva is well prepared to serve as C.N.A. Instructor for Job Point.

Saada Zouaber is a Registered Nurse with 13 years of experience in nursing. She has been a Certified Nursing Assistant instructor and clinical supervisor with Job Point since 2024.