

Q1: Which core principles of caring pedagogy resonate most with you? Why?

1. Prioritize care and student engagement

I love the attention to the student. their background, their identity, their needs, when interacting with them in discussion.

Appreciate all student responses. Encourages other students to participate and feel welcome

Engagement is care!
Taking time to learn about students' backgrounds helps us better understand their needs

2. Care is relational

Caring for self to care for others - you can't pour from an empty cup and students can tell when an instructor is not bringing the right energy to the session

1 & 2 resonate the most since student need to feel cared for so they have the confidence to engage, but everyone feels that differently

Take care you ensures that you can take care of others. BUT this is so easy to forget and overlook. #VocationalA- #BumOut

Relational care sticks out to me because in order to best serve our students and staff, we need to build relationships with others.

3. A holistic approach to education

This is how we've always approached teaching and librarianship so a holistic approach appeals to me

Because it takes the whole experience into account - that of the student and of the teacher.

Holistic approach— I've learned the hard way that I must care for myself before I can do anything else

This resonates with me as COVID-19 and social isolation provide a lot of fuel for compassion fatigue and burnout

Q2: How have you implemented a pedagogy of care in instruction online?

letting students keep their video off and respond however they're most comfortable (chat vs on the mic)

Emphasize that the tab away is how to get help, don't have to remember anything or be fully present

doing less instruction in general (care for myself)

Allowing students to turn their cameras on or off during a synchronous session, whatever is most comfortable

Flexible deadlines - helpful for students and also myself

Made myself available for questions and contact more than usual

By asking students how they're doing at the beginning of every class I taught or at the beginning of any one-on-one consultations.

be kind to myself in planning - be flexible and use templates. Allow myself to prep less and let students drive

Acknowledging the moment we're all living in right now at the beginning of a synchronous session.

opening prompts (e.g., music track listening to now) for transition to class and building community

streamlining content to just the essentials

Taking time to discuss how students are feeling. How willing they are to engage in the session in different ways

acknowledging that I am also working from home and we may get interrupted on my side so it's okay if there are interruptions on the other side (kids, dogs, whatnot)

Being vulnerable and transparent about where I am and transparency about needs

Creating and sharing "welcome video" before meeting with students

embedding in online class and reaching out to students before session to ask what questions they have/what they want to learn

Q3: Be honest, how has this year been for you? How has it affected your teaching?

Exhausting. Started a new job and the pandemic has made me question if I still want to be in this position. Felt my teaching has not been as effective. Burned out.

I actually liked instruction – both in-person and online – during the past year, but admittedly had only honors undergrads and grad students. (And I've been in the profession for 20 years now.)

Really, really difficult. I'm a new librarian (and to teaching), and my experience so far has been rocky and unstable on account of COVID.

I think I'm still reflecting on it?

Has been fun to see the creative ideas from colleagues - kept me energized

A little baffling - a lot of what I thought I knew about teaching went out the window but it has provided a good opportunity to reflect and self-assess

HARD! I'm so tired. I haven't tried anything new, the creative juices are not flowing

I hardly remember anything that happened. There were aspects of online teaching that I really loved, but I had a hard time with time management and reflection...which bothers me

I've lost interest in teaching.
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Not as excited - going through the motions as it's just one more thing to do

I'm seriously burned out and finding it difficult to concentrate or feel motivated to get tasks done.

I don't like being this isolated, it makes it hard to be motivated and creative

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I love that I have a way to gain more experience in other areas such as creating a digital world. But the hard part is faculty just being and not really living enough to invest.

This year has been challenging, and I am tired of what feels like continual problem solving. But I feel like my teaching has improved because of the challenges

Made me much more reflective about my own practices and what I thought I knew.

Kind of quiet (in a bad way). For the classes I've taught I find myself nitpicking/obsessing over things that wouldn't have bothered me in normal times.

Helped me understand my students' situations better

Exhausting, burned out. Put so much into engagement and interactive sessions and often still just get silent black boxes.

Q4: What changes have you made to your teaching because of the pandemic that you plan to keep?

This last year we've had access to instructors' online courses and were embedded in the course. Students got to know us, in a sense. We will continue to have that, even as we return to in-person instruction.

Increased communication/collaboration with students prior to

Recording/Editing of videos using VidGrid. Editing captions..(oh my)

Zoom teaching. Asking more about a class' demographics to be more inclusive in examples. etc.

increased focus on wellness

Using anonymous question/comment submission tools like Answer Garden, Padlet, etc.

More faculty collaboration.

Taking collaborative notes, activities using Google Docs, Fonn, and Jamboards.

asynchronous replacement to classes

Doing more teach the teacher style instruction for large scale classes

For med students, they HATE others knowing if they possibly messed up so anonymous real time online activities are here to stay for me. Also online tutorials are getting us into more programs who didn't have time for us before

bringing some online tools into the physical classroom (they all have computers. I can project them on the big screen)

Creating more digital handouts and digital resources in general

Simple, quick, anonymous knowledge checks

Giving students more options

I learned about lots of cool tools like Padlet and NNrpod that I will be using

More group work where I was able to engage with student work (Google docs) without interrupting their conversational flow (breakout rooms).

Maybe not every class needs to be in person

Not discounting digital tool/platform in the future. Are there aspects of my teaching that I could build a digital module for. then supplement with hands-on class time?

Continue offering online discussion tools (chat, discussion boards), even for in-person instruction