

Elizabeth Patience – Biography:

I like helping students figure out what's holding them back and how to get past it to reach their goals. I have a strong academic background (BBA, The George Washington University; MBA, UNC-Chapel Hill) and it opened doors for me. I travelled the world in my first job with the US Government and my long career with Johnson and Johnson was challenging and rewarding; both jobs were gained directly through academic achievement. What I enjoy about my career now, as both an assistant professor and workforce development instructor at Iñisuk College, however, are the opportunities to explore what held me back and why things that seemed easy for others were so hard for me. I've been exploring these areas for 10 years, initially when I was a first-time business teacher in front of 200 Chinese students in Changchun, Jilin and now with much smaller classes in Utqiagvik, Alaska. In both situations I've been working with students who struggled academically at some point and their lack of confidence and frustration with education is still preventing them from reaching their goals. I enjoy teaching classes that are not so much about what you know but about how to use that information more effectively, to work better with others, to communicate ideas more clearly and to overcome the obstacles we put in our own way.