

New Education Lecturer at MMU

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In 2018, Amanda Klinkenberg moved to Cedar Rapids from Burlington, Iowa and joined the Mount Mercy staff as an adjunct instructor. At the beginning of this school year, she started as a lecturer in Education, teaching for some of the secondary education principles classes.

What pulled her towards working at Mount Mercy was the beautiful campus and most importantly the fact that everybody here loves their job.

“I haven’t met any grumbly employee, everyone genuinely likes to be here, and that says a lot about the culture and the environment of the University,” says Klinkenberg, “And the students are great, I need to make sure I say I love all of my students.”

Before joining Mount Mercy, she had several K-12 experiences, mostly focusing in Spanish. She also worked as an adjunct instructor for the Iowa Connection Academy, Kirkwood Community College’s Continuing Education as a Spanish instructor, and a Spanish teacher for Burlington Notre Dame high school.

Other places she has worked for include, Webster City Community Schools, Northeast Iowa Community College and Hawkeye Community College.

Aside from her job at Mount Mercy, Klinkenberg continues to teach Spanish in an online K-12 school.

What she values most in her life is kindness, teaching, and her belief in God. Amanda describes herself as a kind, loyal, and hard-working individual. She has had a wide variety of teaching jobs, in different communities and schools but she says she really loves teaching here.

In her free time, she enjoys reading, hanging out with her children, playing tennis, hiking, and going on family vacations.