

NC-NET Academy Spotlight



Vincent Mates
Cleveland Community College

NC-NET Academy Graduate

Faculty Bio:

Vincent Mates has been engaged in teaching in a variety of capacities most of his career. An electronics engineer, Vincent worked in industry for 25 years. Every company he worked for tasked him with training and instructional roles. In some cases, he was responsible for creating a full curriculum, including developing media and texts, as well as teaching the courses; at other times he was responsible for writing and updating product manuals and engineering troubleshooting/test manuals. He says he always enjoyed working with the people, the “students” he was serving.

In the Fall of 2016, Vincent began working at Cleveland Community College (CCC) as an adjunct instructor in Industrial Automation. Vincent says he rediscovered his passion for teaching during that first semester and CCC asked him to continue as an instructor in the Electronics Engineering program. He says he has grown very fond of CCC and notes that the faculty and staff have made him feel like a member of the family. He says he has an unwavering commitment to CCC and its students.

NC-NET Academy Experience:

“I have taken several NC-NET Academy courses. I was no stranger to professional development training and continuing education requirements while working in the corporate world. However, the courses offered through NC-NET have been nothing less than inspiring. They focus on evaluation, introspection, and collaboration of the course topics and materials within. Many times, a course will require a very philosophical approach to a subject; this, at times, has forced me to completely reevaluate something. Ultimately, it helps me, along with the other participants in a course, to grow and become better teachers...even better students. It is also important to note that I have had an exceptional experience with the instructors/facilitators of the courses I have taken. They are extremely approachable, communicative, and show a genuine interest in each participant, even after a course has ended. In my opinion, NC-NET has proven its excellence and commitment to our community college instructor family in North Carolina. Through the courses I have taken, I have progressed as a teacher for my students, as a faculty member for CCC, and as a person.”



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