

DAVID T. SECHREST

WRITING PROFESSOR

- An **award-winning college educator** with over **eighteen years of experience** as a professor of English, including advanced instruction at Boston and Harvard Universities
- An **experienced program manager** with over **nine years of experience** coordinating the writing program at Boston University's Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation
- **Accomplished in teaching writing to a wide variety of populations and skill levels**, including both graduate and undergraduate students, working professionals, and non-native speakers

Demonstrated success record in:

- **Teaching college English**, including writing, reading, composition, literature, and ESL
 - **Managing instructors, budgets and curricula** as a writing program coordinator
 - **Tutoring writing**, including graduate students with Sargent's post-professional OTD program
 - **Planning, organizing and executing** comprehensive strategies for language development
 - **Synthesizing complex information** for audiences with various ability levels and learning styles
 - **Developing curricula** and designing program-wide syllabi, materials, and assessments
 - **Improving written language skills and scores** in students across multiple measures
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CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Program Management** - Successfully staffed, budgeted, operated, and assessed every aspect of Sargent's writing program for over nine years. Trained numerous professors to teach toward the unique strategies of writing in the health sciences. Oversaw the growth of the writing program across multiple areas of the college. Developed, proposed and executed a pedagogical strategy that qualified Sargent courses to fulfill BU's "writing intensive" requirements. Upgraded the writing program's assignment submission process, and tutoring schedule, from paper to digital systems.
 - **College Lecturing** - Received an award for excellence in teaching from Harvard University Summer School: 2014. Routinely earned exceptional evaluations from supervisors and students at every institution where employed.
 - **Writing Tutoring** – Coordinated tutoring programs for Sargent courses across both graduate and undergraduate programs. Developed and executed a specialized tutoring initiative for Sargent's Post-professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate program.
 - **Course Development** - Integrated elements of "narrative medicine" into course curricula in order to better reflect the writing needs of students in the health sciences. Created and revised program content on multiple occasions, as part of the Core Curriculum Committee, in order to improve standards and assessments across writing courses. Co-designed the course "Optimizing AI at the Intersection of Health and Rehabilitative Sciences" alongside content specialists within Sargent.
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EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Master of Arts**, English Language Arts Education, New York University (2006)
 - **Bachelor of Arts**, Writing & Literature, Bard College (2002)
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TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

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| • MS Word, PowerPoint & Excel | • Zoom & Skype | • MyWConline |
| • Adobe Acrobat | • TurnItIn, Box & SafeAssign | • Google Drive, Calendars |

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

2015 -

Senior Writing Program Coordinator – Sargent College

- Budgeted, staffed and assessed the writing components of HP151, 252, and 353
- Lead the efforts in the recruitment and training of Sargent Writing Associates
- Lectured, tutored and graded coursework according to specialized health writing guidelines
- Coordinated the tutoring for the Post-professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate program
- Developed and revised curricula and content for HP151, 252 and 353 through collaboration with course instructors, Sargent administrators, and writing specialists

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

2012 - 2022

Writing Lecturer – CAS, Questrom and Sargent

- Prepared, conducted, and evaluated numerous writing courses for both native and ELL students
- Designed course content for ELL students with the CAS writing program
- Lectured, graded and tutored students in business writing as part of the Questrom writing team
- Co-taught courses in business writing and professional development with the Feld Career Center

Harvard University - DCE, Cambridge, Massachusetts

2010 - 2014

Instructor with the Institute for English Language Programs

- Awarded for excellence in teaching; Summer School: 2014
- Contributed multiple educational materials to the program's curriculum catalog
- Prepared, conducted and evaluated intensive ESL summer courses for incoming students with Harvard's Graduate School of Design
- Significantly improved student outcome exam scores in writing fluency
- Specialized in the lecturing and tutoring of academic writing issues as part of a team-teaching ESL workshop, including editing and revision responsibilities

Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts

2012

Adjunct Professor of English

- Prepared, conducted, and evaluated multiple courses in freshman college writing
- Managed multiple individual tutoring sessions and small group writing workshops

Massasoit Community College, Brockton, Massachusetts

2008 - 2009

Adjunct Professor of English

- Prepared, conducted and evaluated specially designed courses in reading, writing and composition for advanced, college-ready students from Brockton High School
- Taught classes and individually conferenced with students as a part of the Gateway to College Program, sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Helped dozens of students pass written exams and earn their high school diplomas through the use of a challenging and sophisticated college curriculum

Salem State College, Salem, Massachusetts

2006 - 2007

Adjunct Professor of English

- Prepared, conducted, and evaluated multiple courses in composition and literature
- Organized and lead workshops on business writing that developed out of student interests and concerns with writing