

Marla is a highly qualified and experienced science teacher and has been teaching Chemistry with a lab since 2001, for 20 years and Physics also with a lab since 2010, for 10 years in various homeschool organizations and co-ops. Upon graduation from Texas A&M University, Marla worked as a Civil Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation for 6 years. Marla has an artsy side too and has taught such classes as sewing, quilting and jewelry making. She was instrumental in starting and running a homeschool co-op from 2000 until the summer of 2004. Also along with Irene Miller, she started Crystal Sea Drama Company in 2003, a Christian pre-professional program for Theater Arts and Performance. She is currently the head of Costume and Makeup Design for the Crystal Sea Drama Company.

In the 20 years I have taught Chemistry, both regular, Honors, and AP/Advanced Chemistry, I have had many students successfully attend a 4 year university, major in a science related field and come back and tell me how easy college Chemistry was for them. Some said they should have followed my advice and CLEP out of the freshman level Chemistry course because they were bored since I covered it so thoroughly. Recently, I have had students tell me how the Physics class they took from me really helped them to understand and master their college level physics course. I have even had students thank me for being tough and strict in making them get their work done. It gave them the work ethic to succeed in college classes.

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