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# New CFI's: Teaching on Purpose

- *"I'd like to have my first few students over again."*



# 1. It's not about you anymore!

- Think about your favorite teachers in school:
  - They genuinely cared about you
  - They were patient and predictable
  - They wanted you to learn *how* to think, not always what
  - They cared as much about application as tests
  - They got very few tangible rewards
  - They made you want to be there
- You are now a *teacher*. Want to be a good one?



## 2. “Bedside manner” (how to get taken seriously)

- If this isn’t fun, you’re doing it wrong!
- You won’t be treated according to your age, hours, or the color of your hair
- Treating “students” like clients
  - What would *you* expect?
- Be a calming presence



# 3. You have to know “why”

- Why are you there?
  - Philosophy of Instruction
- Why is the client there?
  - “Readiness”
- Why are you teaching this knowledge element/task/maneuver?
  - Meeting an ACS requirement isn’t a learning outcome
  - How does it fit into the bigger picture?



# 4. It's hard to be better than your plan

- Not a plan →
- Syllabus
  - Would you live in a house built without a blueprint?
- Lesson plans
  - Learning outcomes don't happen by accident



# 5. Executing the plan

- A simple lesson model:
  - Prepare
  - Engage
  - Reflect



## 6. Executing the plan: Prepare

- Learning outcomes - Are we:
  - Teaching new skillsets
  - Consolidating previously learned ones into higher order tasks
    - If so, what are we calling on?
- Setting expectations
  - What are you going to learn?
  - What should you look for?
  - What are you going to see/hear/feel?
  - What do I expect of your performance?
- Risk mitigation up front



# 7. Executing the plan: Engage

- Don't rush the basics
- “Systems don't fail people, people fail systems”
  - Duplicable steps vs show-and-tell
- “Facts tell, stories sell”
- Dealing with plateaus (and not causing them)
- Pay attention to body language
- Demonstrate use of resources
- Scenarios

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## 8. Executing the plan: Reflect

- Most learning happens here!
- “What did you learn today?”
- Distinct takeaways
- Ask good questions, get good answers
  - What do you wish had gone better?
- The flight journal
- Homework
- What’s next?



# 9. Continuing your training

- The AIH is not an exhaustive work on pedagogy!
- New skillsets
- Mentors (don't forget DPE's)
- FAA **WINGS**
- NAFI PDP



# What's your legacy?

- Never, ever forget:
  - You have a sacred responsibility
  - You will impact people you never meet
  - You will be remembered
    - How, is up to you





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***Join us for next month's MentorLIVE, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. ET***

***“Fifty-six Seconds to  
Safety”***

***Presented by Chris Hill, HAI, Bruce Webb, Airbus and  
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