

Barry Hardin

How many classes/years have you taught at LifeQuest?

- I have taught 3 classes

Please list your most recent job title:

- English as a Second Language Department Chairperson, Plano Sr. High, Plano, Tx
- Taught English, Spanish and Humanities for 17 years at LR Central High

What is your educational background?

- Benton High School
- University of Arkansas, BA: English, Spanish and Education
- University of North Texas, MA: Linguistics

Please list experiences, awards or recognition you've had which are related (or not!) to your upcoming class topic:

- Teacher of the Year, LR School District
- Teacher of the Year, Plano Senior High School
- Presidential Scholar Teacher Recognition

Please tell us why you like to (or are interested in) teaching at LifeQuest:

- I have never had better students than the ones at LifeQuest. Virtually everyone I have met is qualified to teach a class himself/herself. They are also highly sophisticated and educated so well that we are able to examine literary works at a critical level similar to graduate school.

List three distinctive personal facts about yourself:

1. I bicycled over 50 miles a week until I was 62 years old.
2. My favorite books and/or films are James Joyce's Ulysses and Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man; Hesse's Siddhartha; Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath; Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird and Kubrick's 2001, A Space Odyssey.
3. People might not know that although I'm a native Arkansan, I'm a Navy brat and lived in 4 different states and Cuba (where I learned Spanish) while growing up.