

A. Mazin Safar

How many classes/years have you taught at LifeQuest?

- This is my first course in LifeQuest. I have given a presentation in Jan 2016 as part of the 'State of Our Planet' course on the political situation in Syria. This participation introduced me to the great LifeQuest program and stimulated my interest in addressing this unique audience.

Please list your most recent job title:

- Associate Professor of Medicine, UAMS, and a Staff Oncologist at the Little Rock VA hospital.

What is your educational background?

- BA Rhodes College, 2015
- MA Courtauld Institute of Art, 2016

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

- Active medical oncologist on staff at the VA since 2000, and a senior member of the Hematology/Oncology fellowship training program at UAMS. Prior to my arrival to Little Rock and following my clinical training, I spent 2 years in a research lab at the Harvard Institutes of Medicine.

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

- Teaching faculty at the VA and UAMS since 2000, involved in teaching of medical students, internal medicine trainees and hematology/oncology subspecialty training. I have been recognized by the fellowship program for teaching excellence with internal awards. I have also taught non-physician classes on medical and political topics.

List three distinctive personal facts about yourself:

1. I enjoy debates and welcome disagreements openly and freely
2. I highly value logic and objectivity
3. My favorite quote is Einstein's (If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts.)