

Lisa Lawrence – Student Feedback (as of Spring 2024)

This is a collection of feedback I've received unprompted directly from students, or through the mid term course feedback form I circulate using MS Forms.

From: Perla Peralta

Sent: April 24, 2021 11:39 PM

Subject: Thank You

Hi Lisa,

I had my interview for the position of Special Projects Assistant with the Academic Development Department in NSCC last Monday, April 19th. At least two of the panelists' questions were similar to our assignment in Interview Questions. They called me last Thursday and informed me that I didn't get the job because I was "too honest" and undersold myself. However, they emailed me again on Friday and informed me that they have created the position (with the approval of their Director) of Administrative Assistant because, according to them, they were so impressed with my resume, cover letter, interview, skills, and experience. I have excitedly accepted the position and will begin my internship with the Department of Academic Development on May 3rd.

I cannot thank you enough for your guidance, support, and inputs, especially in making my cover letter, resume, and interview questions. Again, thank you very much, Lisa!

Sincerely yours,

Perla

Hi Lisa,

Just reaching out to you to thank you for all you did this semester. You were an amazing instructor, always providing feedback on how we can improve. I feel as though you taught us a lot of useful information, even just within the one semester. Communications was a class I think we all looked forward to going to, even with all the presentations! Thank you.

Hi Lisa,

I wanted to let you know that with the help of your resume building, the videos of your personal interview experiences, and all the tips and tricks you showed us in the course, I confidently landed a job that I really wanted! (Over 17 other interviewers!) It's a business admin position with the opportunity to take over accounting at a small business. I don't think I would have been successful had I not done the work...right before my interview I

pulled up Assignment 11 to review what to say about myself and had a notebook ready with my questions.

Thanks for being such an impressionable teacher! I hope to have another class with you again soon. Thank you so much!! I can do hard things. I hope you have a great summer 😊

Good morning Lisa,

I wanted to thank you for such a great semester. I learned so much from this course that I know I will use throughout my future career. The course assignments and quizzes were relevant to what we had learned and really helped me to gain a better understanding of each aspect—you made learning so easy! Thank you for sending out reminders when work was not complete—I really appreciate it, and I was happy to have the chance to still submit my work. Thanks again for a great semester!

Dear Ms. Lawrence,

I cannot thank you enough for your endless patience with me during this Communications - Workplace Applications course. You have gone above and beyond with me and my inability to stay focused for extended periods of time. I do not suffer from any attention deficiency; I simply have a track record of getting bored and losing interest.

Having the flexibility on deadlines took a lot of stress away for me. Once more on this final Assignment 12, I handed it in four hours late. This is my own fault and lack of planning, so I completely understand if there is a late penalty applied. But I still want to thank you for how you handled my messages and requests earlier in the semester.

In my past attempts at post-secondary education, I have always dropped courses or failed courses. Even just last semester, I had only two courses and no work, but had to drop one and got a 60% in the other, barely passing. Never have I handled more than two courses in a semester, and this semester I took two condensed courses, so it felt like four! Not only that, but I've been working full-time while doing it.

I never would have imagined I could make so much progress in so little time, and am very excited to push forward with renewed vigor in my studies and career. I am making small steps towards progress and want to say that your patience with me is the reason I am able to feel good about completing both my courses with respectable grades. I have already applied much of what we have learned from this course in my job searches and will continue to apply the taught methods in my business communications.

Thank you for your everything.

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As of right now, I have just submitted my Assignment 11 and wanted to let you know that I have so enjoyed being your student. I have been looking forward to all the assignments, all the quizzes (even though I don't test well), and all the discussions. I feel like I really got a lot out of your class, and my only regret is that we were online and not in person! I feel like I would have really enjoyed sitting in your classroom.

Especially the last few assignments regarding preparation for the job. Honestly, looking for a new job right now terrifies me. My last job ended about a year ago when COVID hit, and I have been living at home with my parents, mostly focusing on school. I am going to be moving from Alberta to Nova Scotia in two weeks, and I am so, so scared about looking for a job. My last job was a really toxic work environment, and I was there for about six years. It was six years of stress and not sleeping and not eating properly, my hair falling out, and walking on pins and needles. I must admit that even thinking about a new job sends shivers down my spine.

The work that we have been doing in your class, however, is making me feel a lot better. After these assignments, I'm starting to feel a little more prepared and a little more confident, and I have you to thank for that.

I'll be applying for an administrative assistant job at NSCC in the coming days, and I don't feel as much of the fear as I did a month ago. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Your hard work is deeply appreciated.

All the best, and I hope you have a great summer.

Hi Lisa!!

I wish you a great school year. I'm sad I won't have any future classes with you, but I wanted to wish you the best! You made a positive impact in my life, and I will always be grateful for coming across a teacher like you!

Hi Lisa,

I just thought you might like to know that because of the assignment where we interviewed individuals in our field of interest, I landed a job interview.

So, if anyone ever doubts that the hidden job market is real and an asset, I am living proof right now that it works! As someone who hasn't worked in a decade, I'd like to thank you for teaching me how to style my resume in such a way that I caught their interest enough for an interview.

Thanks again!

Greetings of the day.

I have got all my grades on Brightspace.

Thank you so much for your guidance throughout the course. It was a great learning experience. The schedule was quite tight, but we made it through.

I loved all your instructional videos and thorough feedback. Hope to be in touch even after the course.

Thanks once again.

From: Dauphney, Amelia

Sent: April 16, 2021 5:08 PM

Subject: MKTG2005 - Feedback

Hi Lisa,

I am writing to you because I forgot to add something to my course feedback. Firstly, I can't express enough how much I enjoyed both courses taught by you this semester. This recommendation is coming from an area that I struggled in personally and noticed other teachers had implemented this fix for the problem. I thought it may be helpful to possibly have discussion posts due a day or two prior to responses. This allows the class to read and respond in a timely manner. This class was quite small, and most waited until a couple of hours prior to the due date to submit, which left limited options to reply at times (I am not a night owl and hit the hay quite early, haha). I hope this is coming across as constructive feedback and not insulting. I am responsible for my own due dates and time management and am in no way blaming fellow classmates. Again, thank you so much for a great semester! I hope to have you as a teacher again in the future!

Amelia Dauphney

W0187516

From: Kelterborn, Megan

Sent: April 16, 2021 3:57 PM

Subject: Course Feedback and Thanks

Hello Lisa,

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Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Your hard work is deeply appreciated.

All the best, and I hope you have a great summer,

Megan Kelterborn

From: Sveinbjornson, Alyssa

Sent: April 19, 2021 10:07 AM

Subject: Re: Comp2000

Hi Lisa,

Sorry for jumping the gun there; I see the announcement!! Thanks for looking into it for me. You've been a great teacher this semester—very helpful and understanding—so thank you for that as it hasn't been an easy semester for me. Looking forward to seeing my feedback once the issue is resolved, thanks again!

Alyssa Sveinbjornson - W0404148@nscc.ca

From: Ellis, Amelia

Sent: April 20, 2021 7:59 PM

Subject: Thank you

Hi Lisa,

It was a great semester. Thank you for imparting your knowledge and skills with us. I have learned a lot. I can say that my biggest learning achievement from this course is that I was able to create a cover letter and resume by myself. I remember ten years ago when my husband was looking for a job and he had to make a cover letter and resume. He didn't have any idea how to do it, so he sought a company to do it for him and paid an arm and a leg for it.

Anyways, thank you again, and I hope I can still come to you for some advice. Have a great one.

Amelia Ellis

From: Blackie, Christie

Sent: April 23, 2021 2:11 PM

Subject: Job interview and outcome/ Communications2215

Good afternoon Lisa,

I am writing to let you know that I was successful in my interview with the Village of Pugwash. I had my interview yesterday, Thursday, April 22, and received word this afternoon I was successful. My position will be the administrative assistant to the village clerk. Thank you for a wonderful semester and all your encouragement and teachings. I hope I will have you next year for courses.

Thank you again!

All the best,

Christie Blackie

W0205581

From: Barnes, Lauren

Sent: June 3, 2021 11:53 PM

Subject: Success!

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I wanted to let you know that with the help of your resume building, the videos of your personal interview experiences, and all of the tips and tricks you showed us in the course, I confidently landed a job that I really wanted! (Over 17 other interviewers!) It's a business

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Lauren Barnes

From: Pham, Thi Phuong Thuy

Sent: June 3, 2021 11:08 PM

Subject: W0439370 - Update on job application

Good day Lisa,

I am writing to update you on my job application as your instruction is very helpful and excellent.

When applying your instruction, I already got three interviews, in which:

- I failed one interview as I can't transfer my banking experience to accounting (which they asked for full cycle accounting experience).
- I received one job offer for fund accountant. The responsibilities and salary are more than I expected (maybe due to my low expectation 😊).
- I have one interview which I will have a screening call with HR from Head office in Toronto next Monday. This organization is a top bank with much expansion, so I want to try even though I am satisfied with the job offer.

I hope you can share this so your future students from your course can succeed in their job hunting thanks to your excellent techniques.

By the way, I also want to thank you for your dedicated instruction and helping me during my job application. I much appreciate it.

Hope we can meet someday so I can thank you in person.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Thuy (Christine) Pham
Student, Online Business Administration
Nova Scotia Community College

From: Tejas Kaushik

Submitted: June 14, 2021 12:28 AM

Subject: Assignment 10 - Feedback

Hi Ms. Lawrence,

I want to sincerely apologize for my slack this course. You have been nothing but kind in regards to how late I continuously am, and it has truly helped me stay motivated and committed to this course. I tend to fall behind often and drop out of courses, but your constant communication has helped me stay on track better than usual. I am very excited to soon be done with this course and one step closer to a diploma!

I am 2.5 hours late from the one-day extension you generously gave me. I completely understand if this comes with a late penalty as I am once again tardy, and it is entirely my own fault in poor scheduling. I want to thank you again for what you have already done for me—there is nothing more I can ask for.

Best Regards,

Tejas Kaushik

From: Baker, Ashley

Sent: June 22, 2021 5:38 PM

Subject: Re: Your comm2215 grade has been posted

Hi Lisa,

Unrelated to my grade, I just wanted to let you know that I was offered the job with Content Bloom! They sent me an offer letter about two hours after my interview!

Thanks for all your help this term, and happy summer 😊

Ashley

From: French, Christina

Sent: June 18, 2021 8:54 AM

Subject: Thank you!

Good morning Lisa,

I wanted to thank you for such a great semester. I learned so much from this course that I know I will use throughout my future career. The course assignments and quizzes were relevant to what we had learned and really helped me to gain a better understanding of each aspect—you made learning so easy! Thank you for sending out reminders when work was not complete—I really appreciate it, and I was happy to have the chance to still submit my work.

Thanks again for a great semester!

Christina French

FEEDBACK FROM NSCC END OF TERM FORMS (anonymous)

1. Lisa is an amazing instructor. She cares about her students and wants them to succeed. NSCC is lucky to have her.
2. Lisa is a great teacher. She really wanted us to learn and apply that knowledge in a real workplace setting.
3. This course has taught me a lot about proper workplace communication methods and how to apply them. Lisa has been extremely responsive and helpful during this year and has taught me tons of applicable workplace knowledge.
4. Lisa is absolutely amazing. It's a pleasure going to her class; really great atmosphere! She goes above and beyond to help her students. She knows the coursework and is always there to help! It would be great for everyone if she comes back next year!
5. We are currently still learning in this course. My faculty is great in exploring and explaining when we have questions on something. Lisa is a really good teacher!
6. Lisa is a fabulous teacher and a huge asset to NSCC. She makes everything super simple to understand and is always available for help when needed.
7. Lisa made this course very hands-on. Her assignments provided necessary skills that will be essential once I'm done with school. For example, the marketing strategies plan and presentation. I struggled with certain aspects of these assignments, but I needed to be pushed outside of my comfort zone. She provided detailed assignment instructions, valuable feedback, and continuous interaction with students to ensure we were successful.
8. Loved this course and the instructor. Her course delivery was awesome, especially with the video lessons. She was very positive and encouraging. Even if you got something wrong, she gave positive constructive criticism. Hoping I have another course with her in the future.
9. I was a bit nervous about taking this course as I feel communications is not one of my strengths, but I really enjoyed this course. Lisa was always posting videos, which helped me put a face to my instructor and feel more connected. I really appreciated the work that we did on cover letters, resumes, and interview preparation—something I know will be of use to me in my future for many years to come. I was also surprised that I didn't mind the presentation portion of this course! By completing a proposal letter and research report, the presentation naturally followed. Since we were required to have visual aids with the presentation, I felt much more comfortable than I would have been making a video presentation without them. Thanks, Lisa!
10. I cannot stress enough how wonderful of an instructor Lisa is. She went above and beyond by continuously interacting with us through discussion posts, detailed assignment feedback, and my favourite—numerous videos of her explaining the topics and sharing her own stories. She made this course feel as if I were sitting in a classroom being taught by her. Her method of teaching made the material very easy to understand and also made her courses very enjoyable. Lisa—I had you for two courses this semester, and I have all my fingers crossed that our paths will cross again. I had a rough time last semester, and you have made me enjoy school again. Thank you!