## **Philosophy of Teaching and Education**

I empower people.

The saying, "When you *know* better, you'll *do* better" has resonated through my childhood memories and experiences from various teachers who chose to invest in my learning and personal growth as a learner and human being. Ironically, these same words are presently communicated to my students as their practitioner and facilitator of learning whether in person in the classroom or in the online learning environment.

Learning and teaching are like two intertwined vines that grow stronger over time as they continue to form and shape to each other. If a person tries to pull them apart to see where one begins and the other ends, it would be impossible. Education is meant for the investment and growth of human beings so that they can be enlightened, strengthened and inspired. In this manner, there can be an infinite cycle of being a blessing to others. After a person has been exposed to the edification of education, they should move forward in not only academic growth and knowledge, but also become a living model for change. Teachers prepare students for learning, leadership and life on all levels through learning and practical application of what they have learned.

Education must also be functional, practical, applicable and accessible for anyone who will reach for his or her betterment. My purpose is to educate the well-being of the person by being transparent and authentic. There must be understanding and compassion, along with the necessary resources needed in order to create a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for them to thrive and reach their next level.