

Career Tech Matters

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Amy Peters' mother may be able to predict the future.

"Mom said that growing up I would play teacher. She said, 'Amy, I always knew you would end up in the classroom.' "



As the instructor for Pickaway-Ross' new Health Administration magnet program, Amy is indeed in the classroom.

Amy actually has a long background in education, primarily at the college level.

After earning her bachelor's degree in Health Service Administration from Ohio University, Amy worked at Ohio State University in a variety of medical programs while getting her master's degree in Public Health.

While working at Ohio State, Amy worked as a clerkship coordinator, program coordinator and program manager. In those positions, she worked with medical students and residents.

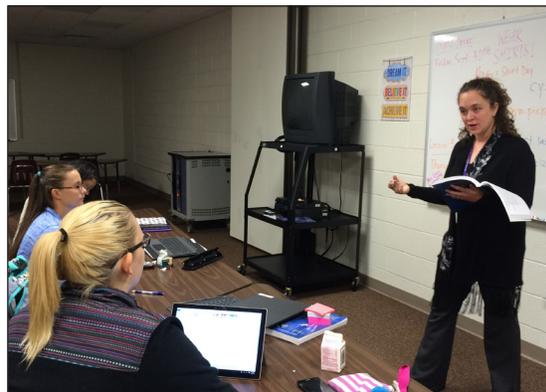
"I liked it but I wanted to have more interaction with students and see the impact of what I was doing."

Once again, Amy's mom played a role.

A retired Teays Valley math teacher, Terry Roeser was looking at the Ohio Department of Education job postings and saw the ad for teaching the Health Administration class.

For Amy, it was the perfect fit.

"I like helping people learn and I wanted to see where I was contributing," Amy said. "Here I get to directly impact my students."



Amy Peters works with her Health Administration students.

Amy is also learning, as teaching high school students is a little different from working with college students.

"I had this whole classroom management plan and with only four students, I planned that I'd give them a few minutes to quietly talk before we got started each morning."

She laughs, looking back on it.

"But, oh, do they talk. So that plan didn't work."

Amy's learning continues outside Pickaway-Ross, as she is pursuing her alternative teaching license and a master's degree in education at Bowling Green.

She also is getting an education from her new colleagues.

"I love the peer support here," she said. After her class, she spends time in Jennifer Payne's class, works with Aaron McManes because her students are in SkillsUSA, and helps with Plato.

"I'm learning so much."

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