RCC instructor publishes textbook

Rogue Community College chemistry instructor Glen Moulton’s newest science text book is “PRAXIS II: Middle School Science.”

“This most recent book is for college graduates preparing to take the PRAXIS II exam for middle school science teacher certification,” Moulton said. “The book title may be misleading as it’s actually a college-level general science text.”

The book’s goal is to prepare teachers for the Praxis II tests as part of the teacher licensing and certification process required by many states. The book is expected to sell between 10-15,000 copies in the USA with a more limited audience in foreign countries due to the lack of a national PRAXIS exam in other countries.

“The essence of my books – taking difficult concepts and making them easy to understand and easy to read – is similar in ways to successful teaching,” said Moulton, who has taught part time at RCC since 2011. Helaine Smith, RCC science lab technician, helped edit and review the book.

His other textbooks include “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Biology,” “Professional Teaching Knowledge,” “Express Biology,” “Praxis II Biology Content Knowledge,” and “Express Earth and Space Science.”

Moulton said it’s gratifying to hear that his books are beneficial to students. “Recently my daughter, a women’s lacrosse coach at Piedmont College (in Georgia), gave a copy of the “Complete Idiot’s Guide to Biology” to help two struggling students. Both students passed the course and were grateful for the text,” Moulton said. “What a feeling knowing that the book I wrote was instrumental in helping someone achieve at a higher level. I trust this book will be as helpful.”

Moulton’s academic background includes 36 years in public education as a middle school science and math teacher, high school chemistry and physics teacher, community college science instructor, school administrator and district supervisor. He’s taught in classrooms from inner city Chicago to rural Maryland and served as an educational consultant in Maryland and Texas.

Moulton and his wife retired to the Applegate Valley, drawn by the area’s climate, scenery and people. For more information contact him at gmoulton@roguecc.edu.

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