Meet Our Instructors and Curriculum Author:

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Victoria Vakarchuk, Quantitative Instructor, received her BA in mathematics from Suny New Paltz, and her MS in statistics from ASU. She has spent most of her professional life teaching mathematics at ASU, NAU, and Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy. In her spare time of course she likes to problem solve but also to let go of the mental machinery and mountain bike, run, walk, stand on her head, and read (right side up).

Heidi Schuler, Verbal Instructor, earned her BA in English and History and her MA in English from Northern Arizona University. Since 2010, she has taught NAU courses in composition and English as a Second Language. She was nominated for a Professor Appreciation Award by NAU’s athletic department. Her other professional endeavors include tutoring students in Composition and ESL, projects in Information Technology, and an internship with the D.H. Lawrence Society of North America. In her spare time, she enjoys reading novels, cooking, learning about history and different cultures, and watching film noir.

Ron Woldoff, Textbook Author, completed his dual MBA-MIS degree from Arizona State University and San Diego State University, where he studied the culmination of business and technology. After graduating, he spent several years consulting for several Fortune-500 and local corporations, including Honeywell, American Express, APS, and Cox Communications. In 2008, taking a break from the corporate world, Ron helped some students prepare for the GMAT, the GRE, and the SAT. With these subjects and his teaching services in demand, National Test Prep was established that counted private students along with Northern Arizona University and the internationally acclaimed Thunderbird School of Global Management as clients. The world of publishing made a path to his door with Wiley and Sons in New York inviting him to author the flagship product “GRE for Dummies” published in 2011. Ron is the founder of National Test Prep™ and creator of the LifeLine™ study approach. He also developed all the course materials, curricula, PowerPoint lessons, and printed materials for his education center. On this, he remarked, “I applied my skills as an analyst to the exams by looking for arrangements, types of questions, and common traps. The key to answering a question correctly was in how to approach the problem. Starting from there, I designed the curricula accordingly—to great success. “I love what I do. Helping people succeed is a good vocation. Plus, it's fun being the only person in the room who has the answers.”