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A passion for teaching keeps this part-time instructor coming back to the classroom

There was a time that David Kohn dreamed of teaching young children as an elementary school educator. Instead, he found his true passion sharing his knowledge of computer technology with students at Montcalm Community College.

"I teach because I want to influence students and give back to a field that I feel passionate about," Kohn said. "I want to be able to share that knowledge with whoever is up and coming into the field."

In addition to his full-time role as MCC's associate director of Information Technology Services, Kohn teaches a variety of classes as a part-time instructor, including computer support technology, computer networking and computer information systems courses.

Kohn studied elementary education at Alma College before deciding to pursue his interests in computer technology. He worked for five years at Sheridan Community Hospital as a network administrator and picture archiving and communications system (PACS) administrator before joining MCC in 2010.

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Kohn said he tries to create a classroom environment that is similar to the workplace.

"I work in the field, I know what's out there and where the field is moving, and I can give that back to the students through instruction," he said. "In my mind, to have successful students means that I'm going to teach them technical

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