

Figure 4.1 Passion Inventory

Score 1 point for each item that depicts you or your students.

1. I am enthusiastic about my teaching. It is something I enjoy and look forward to doing. It is a fun, exciting, and stimulating activity for me.
2. My students can sense my enthusiasm. They have conveyed this impression to me in their evaluations or in their personal comments.
3. I am continuing to learn. I am active in research. I read and attempt to keep up with the appropriate literature. I obtain new information from my students.
4. My students are witnesses to my interest in learning. They see me doing research, reading the literature, conversing with colleagues, participating in professional conferences, and actively engaging with my discipline.
5. I can get absorbed in my work, but not so self-absorbed that others are excluded. I am likely to share what interests me and bring my interests to the attention of others.
6. I continue to try new approaches in my teaching. The class that I have taught several times is different and better than when I began. Sometimes I try things that do not work, but these failures do not prevent me from taking new risks or experimenting with my teaching.
7. I care about my students. I want them to learn, to realize their potential, and to succeed in class and in other useful and challenging endeavors.

Your Score:

- 7 pts. Powerfully passionate!
- 6 pts. Pridefully passionate
- 5 pts. Pretty passionate
- <5 pts. Seek help from a passion professional!

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