

What is your experience with Instructional Design or Project Management?

Well, I'm Rick Schwier and I'm a professor of educational technology and design. I've been an instructional designer for too long, for a very long time. Since 1978, I've been at the University of Saskatchewan and in that time, I've worked with students in instructional design. I've done a lot of projects at the university and elsewhere in design, and I've also taken on contracts during sabbatical leaves and other kinds of leaves to work with external organizations in the corporate world and in government. So, I have had a wide range of experiences in instructional design. But what I'd like to talk about and how I'll contextualize most of what I'll talk about with this interview, is not a single project, but a conflation of projects based largely on an experiential learning course that I designed about 15 years ago in instructional design. So, I work with graduate students and have worked with graduate students on a whole variety of really fun projects, in real settings, with real clients, with real consequences, and real outcomes.