

Foreword

Many years ago, I had the honor of working with a team of talented teachers to build an innovative global studies curriculum. Our work together allowed us to enter each other's workplaces—the public school and the university—as we struggled with new ideas and concepts and their meaning for teaching, learning, and schooling. Though our focus was curriculum, we learned that this could never be separate from our beliefs about good teaching and powerful learning. Indeed, we saw good teaching as the centerpiece of student learning. For all of us, good teaching mattered. And one of us has captured that in *Recipe for Great Teaching: 11 Essential Ingredients*.

Anita Moultrie Turner probes the science and art of pedagogy as she shares her professional wisdom, personal stories of teaching, passion for excellence, and sound knowledge base about teacher effectiveness. We are privileged to enter the thinking of a great teacher, to see how she skillfully and artfully weaves together her relationship with students, knowledge of pedagogy, and professional dispositions. Whether beginning teacher or seasoned veteran, all of us can learn from the practice of teaching illustrated throughout this book.

Early on, the book grounds us in appropriate dispositions about students and the work of teaching. From there, we are taken through the complexities of teaching, including knowledge of students, strategies for building effective learning environments, techniques for successful curriculum planning, methods for engaging all students in learning, and ways of working with colleagues and the community. We are treated to the special tips that a gifted professional can offer. We are

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dazzled by the enthusiasm that an exemplary teacher exudes. Ultimately, we are challenged to reflect on our own work.

Recipe for Great Teaching: 11 Essential Ingredients is a learning tool that honors the dignity of teaching and the teaching profession.

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