

# Check Out the Quality of Instructors at Centralia College



Meet Biologist  
Dr. Steve Norton !!

### **Do you enjoy:**

- Working outdoors?
- Working with plants or animals?
- Working with people?
- Improving people's lives?

### **Are you interested in:**

- Solving human mysteries?
- Searching for new medicines?
- Developing new ways to feed the world?

**Maybe you should consider becoming a biologist.**

Biology: "The science of life and living organisms, including their structure, function, growth, evolution, and distribution." American Heritage College dictionary, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

*Change the World.  
One molecule at a time.*

Dr. Stephen Norton is one of the biology instructors at Centralia College. He earned a BA with Honors at Harvard University in biology. His MA and Ph.D degrees in biology are from the University of California at Santa Barbara. His special interests focus on a study of fish, their feeding behavior, and physiology. In fact, he was part of a research project at the Antarctic for two months studying ice fishes. He also has spent extensive time scuba diving on both east and west coasts of America plus Jamaica, Hawaii, and Panama doing on-site research into fish ecology.

Dr. Norton's teaching experience includes teaching first year medical students cadaver based anatomy and physiology at the University of Chicago.

At Centralia College students say:

“Biology is a blast with Dr. Norton! He makes even the most boring of things interesting! He also applies his lectures to real life scenarios which helps us understand his class.”

“Dr. Norton relays information in a way that ‘even a cave man could understand.’ He’s positive, funny, and overall the best teacher I’ve had in college!”

“Dr. Norton’s classes are challenging, but he is very open and willing to give extra help.”

There is a great need for entry-level positions in these-biology based fields:

- ◆ Basic scientific research
- ◆ Health Care
- ◆ Environmental Management and Conservation
- ◆ Education: Public schools, colleges and universities, museums, zoos, parks and nature centers.
- ◆ Biotechnology: agriculture, food science, and medicine
- ◆ Forensic science: Working with police departments to discover and process evidence
- ◆ Politics and policy: Provide input as new legislation is considered
- ◆ Business and industry: Research and test new products
- ◆ Science writing and communication: Journalists and writers with a science background inform the general public of relevant and emerging biological issues

## Big Brains Are In !!

Dr. Norton says, “Biology is always changing—it’s on the cutting edge.”

The state-of-the-art science center will be ready for classes Fall Quarter of 2009!  
(Check out the building progress on the website [www.centralia.edu](http://www.centralia.edu))

With instructors like Dr. Stephen Norton, Centralia College is your Best Choice

**Science-----Future-----You-----**

**CENTRALIA COLLEGE! IT WORKS**

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

Currently, business leaders are creating more science and technology jobs to prevent them from being outsourced.  
Emerging industries have a pressing need for workers trained in biology.

In addition, more government jobs in agencies managing natural resources are expected to increase.

**Salary??**

*Approximately \$35,000 a year with no experience and a BS degree.*

In private industry, starting salaries vary widely from \$45,000 to \$60,000 per year. Experienced biologists with advanced degrees may earn salaries of well over \$100,000 a year.



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