Montcalm Community College Faculty Bio: Jessica Snyder, M.S.

Jessica Snyder, M.S., teaches Psychology and Early Childhood Development courses. She has been teaching at Montcalm Community College since 1998, and she is co-chair of the college's Co-Curricular Committee and is a member of the Assessment and Curriculum Committees.

She earned a master's degree in Educational Psychology and a bachelor's degree in Psychology, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

For the past 22 years, Jessica has found her job to be amazingly fulfilling and rewarding. She enjoys her interactions with students who are having their world views and life options opened up for them by their choice to attend MCC. She is proud to be contributing to the life journeys of so many students as they make positive changes that will impact their lives and the lives of others. She brings open mindedness, the ability to explain complicated topics, and a passion to make Psychology genuinely useful for people to her job.

Jessica and her wife have been together for 20 years and got married in the summer of 2017. They have three children, all of whom are adults. She has two cats, Monkey and Moonstone, and three dogs, Arriah, Khaleesi and Eyla.

Her personal motto is we are responsible for leaving our corner of the world as good or better than we found it. This is something she learned from her mother.

In her free time, Jessica enjoys watching movies and travelling around the world. Her favorite trip was a three-week journey in 2021 when she visited multiple national parks, including Bandelier National Monument, Yellowstone National Park, and Badlands National Park. One destination on her bucket list is to go on a safari in Africa.

Here are some other fun facts about Jessica:

- She spent 20 years training, raising, and showing Arabian horses, starting in her childhood.
- She has vast knowledge of Beatles facts due to an obsessive period during her teen years.
- She was a competitive swimmer as a child.
- She is a big fan of science fiction and fantasy stories.