**Interview 2: Carrie Mill**

**Me:** How do you define teaching and learning?

**Carrie:** Teaching to me is giving someone the information needed for him or her to succeed in life.

**Me:** What about learning?

**Carrie:** Learning to me is one using the knowledge given to them and applying it and being able to show understanding

**Me:** Okay, so what learning theories do you support?

**Carrie:** I like the idea of a positive environment and having the teacher as more of a guide, not one who just stands up at the front and recites information.

**Me:** Well, what are your thoughts on reinforcement/punishment in the classroom?

**Carrie:** Personally, I like the idea of positive reinforcement, however I think that there has to be really clear guidelines on what is acceptable and not. Someone is going to test the limits and there needs to be punishments in place for those occasions.

**Me:** Do you believe that learners are active in constructing their own knowledge?

**Carrie:** In many ways, yes. A student needs to have the drive and motivation to learn. A teacher can only present the concepts, it is up to a student to expand and truly understand.

**Me:** Do you believe that interactions with peers can lead to more learning than interactions with a teacher?

**Carrie:** Sometimes. I think that the teacher really needs to be the guide. Students can learn a lot from each other and help each other understand but only after the teacher has given them the materials and knowledge to do so.

**Me:** Overall what do you believe is the best way to teach/learn?

**Carrie:** I really think that the environment needs to be one that fosters creative learning and gives the opportunity for learners to take information and run with it.