



Daniel Pratt, PhD, is a Professor of Chemistry at Graceland University. His fields of expertise include organic synthesis, analytical chemistry and instrumental analysis. As a researcher, he experiments with the synthesis of small molecules and the analysis of soil and energy drinks.

Professor Pratt received a BS from Graceland College and a PhD from the University of Washington. He has conducted two postdoctoral studies, one at Iowa State University and the other at the University of Kansas. Additionally, Professor Pratt spent a short stint in industry working for a small pharmaceutical company in New Jersey.

Professor Pratt strives to cultivate an atmosphere of trust and respect with his students. He does not believe there is a “stupid” question. He believes that a student should be able to ask a question without feeling intimidated.



*I WANT MY STUDENTS TO THINK, TO QUESTION,
TO BE CURIOUS AND TO WONDER WHY.*

He wants the students to learn that there is no problem so large and complicated that they cannot solve it. The student must learn to dissect a problem into smaller pieces, solve the small problem first, then go on to the larger problem. These are skills which are not only important to become a good scientist, but necessary to successfully survive in today's work place.

Professor Pratt enjoys baking, gardening and remodeling his house during the summer, a good science fiction movie and spending time with his family.