

## Lori McCullough Azcarate-Biography

Lori Azcarate grew up overseas and returned to the United States to graduate from Vanderbilt Catholic High School in Louisiana. She then attended Louisiana State University, the University of Valencia, Spain and graduated from Nicholls State University in 1985. After graduation, Ms. Azcarate returned to Nicholls State University and entered an MBA program emphasizing in the area of Finance and Accounting. During this period, she also worked as a graduate assistant running the Small Business Development Center at the University.

Ms. Azcarate moved to Florida and began working at JBryons as a Staff Accountant. During her 10 years with this Corporation, her responsibilities included creating month-end financial statements, generating and reconciling all payroll accounts. Upon JBryons closing, Ms Azcarate then joined a Start-up Internet Company that was in the process of procuring venture capital. While working for this Corporation, Ms Azcarate assisted in developing a business plan and model to obtain funding.

Although Ms Azcarate enjoys the math, analytical and financial aspects of her first career, she found that the lack of human contact made the job quite monotonous. Ms Azcarate was fortunate to have experienced the profession of teaching while teaching English at the Institute of English Studies in Spain. Teaching Mathematics is absolutely a privilege for her because it combines her love of the subject with the chance to interact with students. The dynamics of the environment in a classroom setting is an adventure within itself and everyday is a new experience bringing amazing possibilities for all students. Ms. Azcarate holds a Professional Educator Certificate.