

Graduate Student Testimonial



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Hi! I'm Kevin, and I am a graduate of Bradley University's Curriculum and Instruction master's degree program in the Department of Teacher Education. I want to share with you some of my thoughts about why this is a great program that you should experience.

Why I Chose Bradley University

I came to study Curriculum and Instruction at Bradley for a number of reasons. The first being its reputation. The Department of Teacher Education is a highly respected group of faculty who excel in preparing teachers for the classroom by focusing on current educational research and practical instructional approaches. They are all very personable and truly care about their students. The second reason was for familiarity and location. The faculty are a constant positive presence in local schools integrating Bradley into the educational community of central Illinois. The third reason was value. With the advent of the Professional Educators Scholarship, I could afford the luxury of a private graduate school experience.

How the C & I Program Has Helped Me in My Teaching

I feel much more confident in the classroom having a stronger knowledge base of effective classroom strategies. Furthermore, I have become more respected by my colleagues. I am now a leader in developing curriculum and training my colleagues in current instructional techniques.

Opportunities for Collaborating

All of the faculty were very supportive of my work integrating technology into teaching. From teaching with wikis to integrating GPS technology, the professors encouraged me to share my ideas with the educational community. Professors constantly invited me to share my work with their graduate and undergraduate students. That level of faculty support makes Bradley unique. You can't get that kind of support from an online degree program.

The Biggest Strengths of the Program

The greatest strength of the program is in the challenge. I felt challenged in every course. None of the courses were a waste of time or money. I also liked the connections I formed with my classmates. We were always helping each other in and out of the classroom. While the classes in the C&I program are rigorous, they are very relevant and interesting. I always felt that there was help available to me from my classmates or my professors. I honestly don't think I could have found a better fit for me anywhere else. If they had a doctoral program, I'd be back in a heartbeat!