

EDUCATION

After graduating high school in 1995, I followed my mother's advice and enrolled in classes at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. My aunt and uncle hoped that I would go to the University of Michigan, but I wasn't sure if college was the right place for me, and I did not want to move away. I especially did not want to live in a city atmosphere. My uncertainties toward college immediately vanished, and I was drawn into the exciting world of higher education. I loved my time at KVCC, and actually attended much longer than I should have. Since I did not have a focus for study, I took an array of classes to see what would interest me the most. The two disciplines I found most interesting were psychology and English. I received my **Associate's** degree in 1999, and enrolled in classes at Western Michigan University.

At WMU, I double majored in psychology and English, until I became too frustrated with their psychology department, which is strictly behavioral. In two years, I graduated with my **Bachelor's** degree in English with a minor in sociology.

In the fall of 2003, I enrolled in the Master in Education with Initial Teaching Certification program at Aquinas College. This was an amazing experience, and I would recommend this college to anyone. I decided to take the accelerated approach because I needed my Master's degree as quickly as possible. In the fall semester of 2004, I conducted my student teaching at Allegan Public High School in Allegan, Michigan. By the end of 2005, I had completed my **Master's in Education** and received my secondary teaching certificate (English and Sociology).

My most recent college endeavor was a trip back to WMU. In order to secure the full-time Communications Department teaching position at Glen Oaks Community College, I had to complete a **Master's in English**. This was the most intense schooling I have experienced because I managed to complete the entire graduate program in 1 ½ years, while teaching full-time for the second half of it. This was a huge accomplishment, as my mind had no time to rest for the entire 1 ½.