

As a teacher I find reflection and self assessment to be very important characteristics of a person. I have committed myself to higher education and strive toward improving upon my skill as a teacher so I may better prepare future generations to keep up with the ever demanding world. I lead by example in showing my students that we are all lifelong learners. I believe the Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in science and mathematics will keep me current with research based practices, teach me how to incorporate technology across the curriculum, and help me to deepen my understanding of core curriculum areas.

Science is an ever changing and evolving field. One never knows, or can know, everything there is to understand about their subject area. As a true lover of science I want to stay current with the new information that is being ascertained and have the ability to bestow that upon my students. With the emphasis in elementary schools being pulled so strongly towards literacy and mathematics, science has been put on the “back burner.” I want to find a way to bring science to students through technology and teach them to understand the world by their own inquiry and discovery.

In recent years the United States has fallen behind in the areas of mathematics, science, and technology. If we as teachers do not take the initiative to learn about the new technologies being developed and bring them to our students, they will not be able to compete in this global society. I believe the courses offered in the Science and Mathematics concentration will deepen my understanding of these core content areas as well as expand my knowledge in the field of technology. I will strive to use the skills I gain through this program to help my students not only catch up, but excel in our global society.

There is no denying the fact that it is very difficult to find, and keep, a teaching job in this economy. Although I am currently employed by a school district within close proximity to Michigan State University’s campus, there is no way in knowing whether that will be my permanent location. Michigan State has been and remains very dear to my heart. I know that my excellent undergraduate preparation through the College of Education is what enabled me to obtain a teaching career in Michigan. A Masters degree from MSU is something that I know will set me apart as an exceptional educator, and I would like to pursue that, regardless of where I am living. The online Masters of Arts in Education Program will allow me to be flexible in my course work so that I can still meet the needs of my students in the classroom. It will allow me to continue my pursuit of higher education without interruption, whether I am relocated to another district or stay in my current situation.