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I always knew that I wanted to “teach teachers”, but being able to earn my Master’s degree while teaching K-6 seemed impossible. I also knew that our family was not living within our means financially, so I needed a job that paid more than teaching. Therefore, I decided to complete the EDTECH program though BSU as it was highly recommended and completely online. I was able to balance my time between work and school, and even took a year’s sabbatical to finish my Master’s degree faster. During the sabbatical, I noticed the university that I had attended during my undergrad was hiring an Instructional Designer. The job description explained that I would be teaching instructors about learning theory and appropriate online course design, which are two of my biggest passions in education. I knew I had to apply even though I was in the midst of my final semester of the EDTECH program at BSU.

I was offered the position one week after I had to inform my school district whether or not I planned on returning the classroom. It required a leap of faith, but luckily, I made the correct decision in informing the district that I did not plan to return to the classroom. I began my dream job in the middle of March, just as I was finalizing my portfolio, and finishing up two elective courses. It was a busy few months, but I have never been happier! I get to teach instructors every day, and work on projects when instructors don’t need assistance. I have utilized everything I have learned in the EDTECH program, and I can truly seem myself working as an Instructional Designer until retirement.