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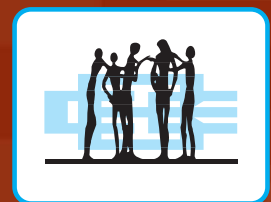
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# Words of wisdom from a CBE Teacher and U of C Alumnus

By Lindsay Thouret

Interview time is approaching and you may be thinking, wow, am I ready? The answer is yes, don't be intimidated but instead take this time to really enjoy what you have accomplished and the experiences that have moulded you into the Teacher, and mentor you are becoming. The next few months will be gruelling but try to take advantage of all the opportunities available to you. The Calgary Board of Education is a leader in innovative Education and has a plethora of programs available to students with diverse needs. Thinking about popping into that other classroom for a day? Do it. Learning Spanish? Go ahead. Summer Camp in Taiwan?

Absolutely. When you commit to becoming a teacher life long learning follows therefore every chance you have to grow as a person will help you grow as a teacher. The time you have spent at the University has definitely had an impact on your skills and knowledge but it is who you are, your experiences, preferences, talents, and shortcomings that will make the largest impact to the interviewers, your students and their families.

Recognize that you are on your way to completing a program that will give you the tools necessary to be a successful candidate for the Calgary Board of Education. Through my experiences in the Special Education Cohort I have had the opportunity to witness some of the most resilient

populations within the Board. The misconception is that your peers are the competition. The reality being they are resources that can increase your knowledge through shared ideas and collaborative planning. As a new teacher I found that teamwork has been an essential component of planning since the first day I walked into the Special Education Cohort in April and Colonel Macleod School in September. I would really like to express, to all future teachers, realize that this is your last chance to enjoy the essence of teaching before it really becomes your profession. Revel in the struggles, the triumphs, the good days, and the bad ones. This is what you have worked so hard for, and you are almost there. Go Dinos Go!!!

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## Why did CBE choose Lindsay?

Lindsay came to the interview well prepared and looking professional and enthusiastic", says Lucie Lejeune, Recruiting and Staffing Consultant. "Through our conversation, he was able to demonstrate sound practice and it was clear from his versatile skills that he would be a great asset to any school. He is articulate and can speak Mandarin and some Spanish and can teach at a variety of grade levels. His friendly disposition and his passion for his work were obvious. Lindsay is a life long learner who has an interest in developing ESL programs and as a lifelong learner, wants to start working on his Masters degree. We were happy to welcome him to the Calgary Board of Education and we expect that he will build and develop his career with us."

*"We are thrilled to have Lindsay join our vibrant school community in the role of Bridges teacher. Through his work with the Special Education Cohort, Lindsay gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding to compliment his previous education and student teaching experiences. It became apparent and obvious to us that he was an outstanding candidate for the open position we had in our school and we were very fortunate to be able to secure him in the role this fall! Already Lindsay is making a significant positive impact with our school community and has quickly joined in the wave of enthusiasm and passion for teaching and learning at Colonel Macleod!"*

*Carol A. Hall*

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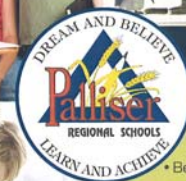
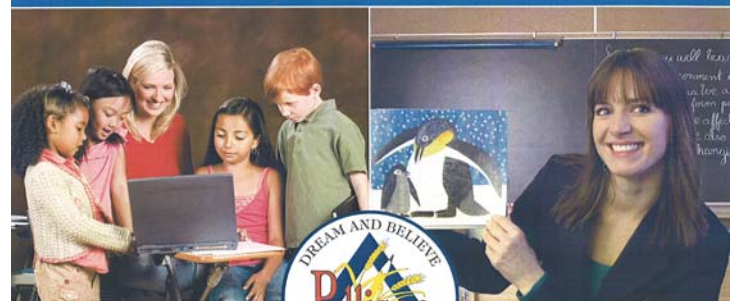
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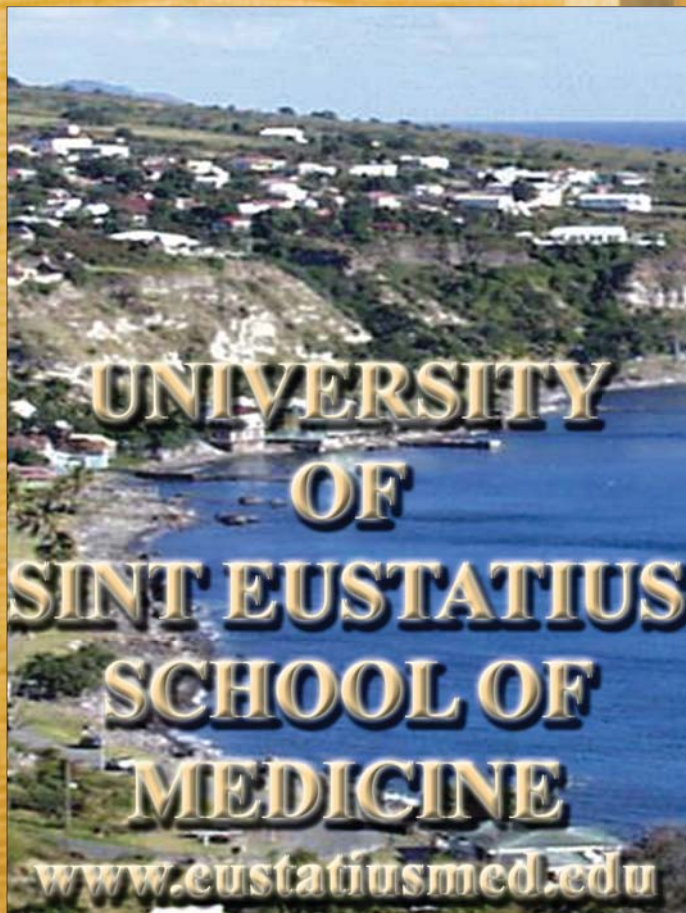


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# Will grad school take you where you want to go?

## Will grad school help you reach your career goals? And if so how do you decide which school and program is the right fit for you?

These are the questions Franco Rizzuti, Peer Helper with the Student Success Centre at the University of Calgary, asked himself in the early stages of his decision making process.

“The first thing I had to decide”, says Franco, was “what are my future career goals?” Rizzuti is convocating in November with a B.Sc. in Cellular Molecular and Microbiology and his long term goal is to go to medical school. This seemed straight forward enough until Franco asked himself “what if I don’t get into medical school, then what?” He knew he had to keep his options open and the process of determining what his options were led him on a journey of exploration. “I talked to a lot of people. Understanding what the ultimate goal is for you requires a bit of asking yourself some tough questions,” says Franco. The more he spoke to people and gained new information the more his questions changed.

Whatever graduate program he chose he wanted to ensure that it “enhanced my education so that I could reach my ultimate goal.” He ultimately chose a Masters of Arts in Education with a specialization in higher education leadership. He plans to use this masters degree in the area of medical education. If he does get into medical school he feels this degree will “give me a competitive advantage in my field”. If he doesn’t get into medical school, it would be a degree that would still allow him to work in the field.

“It took me four months of connecting and networking with people to refine my thinking. I talked to grad program directors to learn more about the program. To people in the field to determine what’s the job like and what skills do they need to do their job, and to grad students because they’re doing it and they can give you the real goods”, says Franco. Reading the published articles of potential advisor/supervisors is also a great way to get the in-depth information about that area of study and if the program and the advisor are right for you.

Other tips Franco had to share included:

- Don’t depend on the information on websites; it’s not always up to date. You have to talk to people in the program offices.
- Figure out if you need to find an advisor before applying or just apply to program and then find an advisor.
- Understand the administrative part of how the program works. Find out who to talk to about things like funding. Sometimes scholarship applications are due before the program application.
- Fill out the application after you figure out what you want. You often only have 30 days to complete it so you need to know all the details before you get started.

Franco’s final words of advice, “be open minded”. And remember, graduate school isn’t for everybody so do your homework and don’t get caught being half way through the program before you realize this isn’t going to help you reach your goals.

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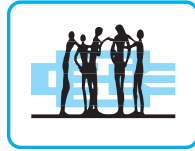


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