

Appendix B

FALL 2008 & 2009

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- Yes. Convenient online MAT program.
- Yes. It's a great program for working teachers.
- Yes. Online option.
- Yes. Excellent online Master of Arts in Teaching program.
- Yes. Excellent program, excellent educators, excellent communication.
- Yes. Program director and coordinator and instructors are knowledgeable.
- Yes. Partnership with Calstate Teach Program.
- Yes. Online availability.
- Yes. It was informative and manageable.
- Yes. Great pacing and extremely relevant to CA classroom instruction.
- Yes. Online availability.
- Yes. It is cheaper.
- Yes. Great experience with faculty and advisers.
- Yes. Online convenience, rigorous, and meaningful readings and assignments.
- Yes. Economical, knowledgeable faculty.
- Yes. Accessible faculty and diverse curriculum.
- Yes. The online MAT program is rigorous and meaningful but not impossible for those committed to it.
- Yes. Flexibility, program course curriculum, time frame, transfer units, cost.
- Yes. Online availability.
- Yes. Excellent program competitive fees.
- Yes. The pace was good, online access allowed me to complete my degree.
- Yes. Family friendly program.
- Yes. I enjoyed my experience.
- Yes. Distance learning, inexpensive.
- Yes. It was challenging and efficient/useful.
- Yes. Online availability.
- Yes. The activities are meaningful/distance learning option.
- Yes. Faculty is very knowledgeable and have my interests at heart.

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- Working relationship with peers.
- Dr. Ullrich is amazing!
- The online interactivity between students in Blackboard. Students shared their educational points of view from school districts around the state.
- The curriculum and instructors were so motivating. I now would like to pursue my doctoral as a result of this program.
- Consistent application of theory to practice and projects. The distinct focus on social justice and multiculturalism. Cohort communication too!
- Exposure to research process.

- Content focus.
- Excellent methods for research.
- Mini action research process.
- The content focus.
- Very good selection of academic literature and multicultural activities. Helped prepare me for a new year.
- Learning about conducting and interpreting research and data.
- Great tools for research.
- The instructors were readily available and accessible for any questions or concerns.
- My teaching ability and communication skills with students is improved!
- Online education in conjunction with working full time allowed me to do work at flexible times. Great communication from professors.
- The professors! Dr. Bohlin, Dr. Ullrich, Mr. DeVoogd.
- Pre-project work. My study on environmental racism was eye opening.
- Content focus social justice.
- MAT program improved my teaching, transformed my thinking.
- Collaborating using technology.
- I was able to work on group assignment with fellow teachers on things I was doing in my classroom.
- The learning experience.
- The interaction with peers through technology.
- Relates to my career.
- I liked the social justice theme of my program.
- The instructors provided timely and worthwhile feedback on all assignments.
- Professors were willing to work with flexible schedules and quick to respond to inquiries I may have had.
- Orientation/advisement excellent entry into program.

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- I had a grading issue with Dr. Hart and got no support to resolve a .01 so .89 became a B on my record.
- Excellent program! My teachers were great. Can not think of any areas for improvement.
- Was extremely content. Keep up the great job!
- Trying online conferences.
- Use pilot programs at beginning of a cohort, not in last semester of program.
- Better communication.
- Allow for later payment of tuition. We are teachers. Most of us are unemployed in the summer.
- None needed!
- Greater variety of courses—some repeated information and skills learned in a previous course.
- Kremen graduate technician has bad attitude. Lecture DVDs might be nice when appropriate.
- Option to immediately enter EdD program after completion.

- Some teachers were far better than others in regards to posting assignments, comments, and grades. I think there should be a two-week grace period for teachers to get work back to students.
- Financial aid is hard to get a hold of; perhaps an advisor to help find grants, etc.
- Only qualitative not quantitative research.

SPRING 2009

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. It was an extremely rewarding experience.*
- *Yes. Affordable, good online discussions, I learned a lot.*
- *Yes. Online coursework is manageable for full-time teachers.*
- *Online program good for teachers.*
- *Yes. Good support, high quality advisors*
- *Yes. MAT program directly addressed my concerns about social justice in education.*
- *Yes. Low cost.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *Professors Harris, Tracz, Alamillo, and Fry Bohlin. The group work of Dr. Harris and Dr. R. Bohlin (challenging/useful).*
- *The reading and homework usually related directly to my students.*
- *Quality of entire program.*
- *Dr. Carol Bohlin, she has been so helpful and made me successful in the program.*
- *Learning about multiculturalism*
- *As stated above, current educational policy seems—in my opinion—to ignore issues relating to social injustices. My program taught me how to deal with it.*
- *What I gained from my project.*
- *I liked the feeling of being a part of a small learning community in the MAT program although the courses were taken online.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *I had a lot of support from professors, especially when starting my lit. review. I had much less support for my project. I wish I would have known I needed to be more independent on my project.*
 - *If possible, instructor feedback being quicker, this should be a model for teachers... feedback must be timely!*
 - *Teachers of the courses need to recognize that we are working full time and have families in addition to the course work. Sacrificing our family isn't an option!*
 - *Dr. Harris was not supportive. I did not feel that she worked with all students equally.*
 - *Two professors could have been more responsive to their students and more challenging in their coursework.*
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SPRING 2010

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. I enjoyed it, but it was very expensive.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *Research.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *Try to make it more affordable.*

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SPRING 2011

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes. Overall great experience.*
- *Yes. Accessibility and convenience.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *The professors in the MAT were wonderful and while the work was quite ambitious, I always felt like I had support and guidance.*
- *Development of my research skills.*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *Dr. Ullrich and Dr. Goodman were excellent and I appreciate all they did to help. Dr. Ullrich was there when questions arose and, because he gave us several ways to reach him, he was very accessible. He is definitely an asset to CSUF!*
- *Collaboration between instructors involved in one semester for assignment alignment.*

FALL 2011

Teaching

Would you recommend California State University, Fresno to others for graduate education? Why or why not?

- *Yes.*
- *Yes. The MAT program is fantastic. It is stimulation and challenging*
- *Yes.*
- *Yes. Convenience and responsible staff*
- *Yes. Even with the increase in fees, it's a great value for the quality of education received*

- *Yes. Convenient, interesting, and quality*
- *Yes. Very accessible online courses*
- *Yes. Nice that I can do it from home without living in the area*
- *Yes. Challenging and fulfilling. Cost effective*
- *Yes. It was affordable, convenient, and very relevant*
- *Yes. Professor's commitment to my success. I felt extremely supported throughout the whole process*
- *Yes. Excellent instructors*
- *Yes. Effective online education*
- *Yes. I had an excellent learning experience and was able to apply it in the classroom.*
- *Yes. Convenience, quality of program low cost.*

What was the most notable aspect of your graduate education?

- *Dr. Ulrich's support, organization content was valuable for the classroom.*
- *The materials we evaluated. The readings/ resources were great. Walter Ulrich was fantastic, helpful, clear in his instructions. He is truly outstanding!*
- *Research and reading others action research study*
- *I would say that the instructors did an excellent job in creating a sense of communication in allowing us to interact with and learn from our instructors and our cohort*
- *Ability to apply learning directly to our working classroom, action research!*
- *Excellent feedback from instructors, program provided many opportunities to use experiences in the classroom*
- *Research skills honored*
- *I loved that it was online. So I could work on assignments at my convenience without set schedules*
- *None. It was OUTSTANDING; I have grown very much from the experience.*
- *Instructors who cared, helped and made learning enjoyable*
- *Excellent professors who were always available and helpful*
- *Fulfilling and relevance's to my situation*
- *The perspective and expertise of faculty*

Suggestions for improving the quality of your graduate program:

- *Keep up the good work because the program you provide is top quality and very official and accessible to educators for informing our instruction. I thought your kind of feedback was awesome and right on track!*
- *For being an online program, more resources should be done online (application, etc.) too many extra forms and extra fees!*
- *The website for students is not user friendly (myfresnostate)*
- *Provide faster feedback from CSU Fresno main office/ administration*