



Alumni Profile

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BA '11 Catholic Studies for Teachers and History

Current Career

Organization: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Elementary School

Title: Teacher

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Career Overview

After graduating from King's in 2011 as one of the first graduates of the Catholic Studies for Teachers program, I continued my education, graduating from Western University with a Bachelor of Education in the Intermediate and Senior Teaching Division. I worked in Alberta as an English as a Second Language Teacher, before returning to work for the London District Catholic School Board (LDCSB), first as a temporary Chaplain, then on the LDCSB Teacher Supply List. I now teach full-time at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Elementary School.

How did King's prepare you for your current role?

It was a nice, intimate experience, with small classrooms and the ability to meet your peers. It is really important to form lifelong relationships with peers and professors. While at King's, I was involved with the King's University College Students' Council (charity representative one year and the Religious Studies representative another). I also volunteered at local elementary schools while at King's, which made me a familiar face when I applied for jobs.

What advice would you give to a student looking to enter your field?

Make sure you love it. If you don't really want to be a teacher, it's not going to work out for you and for those kids. The other thing I would recommend is to travel and teach. There are many opportunities to teach English as a Second Language right now. It gives you that opportunity to go travel and work.

Additional Education:

BEd '12, Western University