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In Focus



Current Job:

School Guidance Counsellor,
Mary Duncan School,
Kelsey School Division, The Pas, MB

What her job entails:

As School Guidance Counsellor my role is to help students tackle the barriers to their learning. The barriers I see facing students are mental health, trauma, addictions, poverty, social emotional learning and relationships. I provide one on one counselling, group and support the school as whole.

Future Plans:

A year and a half ago I started a post-graduate program in Art Therapy with Winnipeg Holistic Expressive Arts Therapy Institute. I have completed my coursework and practicum and am in the process of completing my thesis. My background in Education is instrumental in my approach as an Art Therapist.

How did your UCN Program help you achieve and advance your career goals to-date?

I had a wonderful experience at UCN. The program shaped how I viewed education and prepared me for the diverse challenges teachers face in public schools.

What key competencies did you acquire?

Kenanow Bachelor of Education program focused on a Middle Years stream and I started working in Adult Education, then went to Elementary for Grade 3 & 4 and now am a School Guidance Counsellor. I left the program with core values of focusing on relationships, respect and responsibility. I believe student/teacher relationships are key to success, regardless of the grade or content one teaches.

Anything else you would like to share to encourage prospective students?

UCN facilitated many opportunities for my professional growth in education. I was able to attend multiple workshops and conferences, even presenting in a few.

UCN facilitated opportunities for community connections; volunteering, exposure and learning. I was hired with Kelsey School Division before I graduated from Education. Over the years I have collaborated with UCN for different projects, had multiple student teachers work with me and recently partnered with UCN to have Education students mentor our students at Mary Duncan

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