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Prof. Goals Statement  
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### Professional Goals Statement

As a teacher, I would like to be able to teach and motivate all students I come in contact with. I want to not only teach them the subject matter at hand, but also influence them to make positive learning choices inside and outside the classroom. To do this, I believe it is important to develop a teaching style that can be adjusted to the needs of the students in the class and understand the population which you are teaching. I think that pursuing further education would help me learn more about the current student population, including their needs and learning preferences. I hope to develop a better understanding of a variety learning methods and how to incorporate an assortment of presentation methods into my classroom. By doing this, I feel I would help more of my students feel successful in the classroom. I also believe I could gain a deeper understanding of how students think and new ways of teaching, such as technology use, that could be used to help more of my students gain a strong understanding of the subject matter. I feel the classes in this program can help bridge the gap between strong classroom learners and weaker classroom learners. I also believe that another way to reach students outside the classroom is through sport. Because of my background and desire to teach both in a classroom and out of a classroom, I would hope to pursue the concentration areas of *Science and Mathematics Education* and *Sport Leadership and Coaching*, if accepted into MSU's Online Master of Arts in Education.

As a Physical Education major and Math minor, I feel as if the *Science and Mathematics Education* and *Sport Leadership and Coaching* concentrations fit my background very well. I hope that the Science and Math Education classes would help me increase my classroom resources for math classes. In particular, I think the "Teaching Subject Matter with Technology" class would really help me connect more with the current student population and a lot of their learning styles. Because our culture is becoming so infiltrated with technology, the majority of our student populations are very familiar and comfortable with technology. They really connect with the use of technology and it seems to be a great learning tool. I feel as if math classes can really benefit from this added technology because many students feel that math, especially at the

high school level, is too abstract and not necessary in real life. By adding technology to the classroom we will be able to include more real world applications and bring more hands on type learning experiences to their fingertips.

At the same time I think the Sport Leadership and Coaching classes would help shape me as a better mentor to my students in the classroom and on the sports field. It would help me develop a unique perspective to many students' outlooks, especially those that perform better on the field than in the classroom. This might give me some insight onto how to bridge the gap between sports performance and classroom performance. I believe by being both a knowledgeable teacher and a well-regarded mentor, I would have the ability to positively influence many students lives.

Because I am a self-motivated individual, I believe that I would be successful in the online program. I am very good at keeping up with deadlines, researching on my own, and working without constant contact. I also feel as if I have a good grasp on technology and programs involved with online learning, therefore it would not be difficult for me to meet the teachers' expectations. I enjoy learning new things and keeping up to date on information. I believe that being in this program would allow me to keep up to date on teaching in a more structured way.