

Viewbook Profile: Cooper Rocha_Nov 1 2022_Described Transcript

[Graphic introduction: “A Conversation with Alumna Cooper R.” with an image of Cooper while music plays]

Graphic [00:00:09] Tell us about your experience in the program.

[Starts with the video clip of Cooper wearing black sweater]

Cooper [00:00:09] So what I liked about the Early Childhood Studies program at Guelph-Humber was how much energy that each prof brought to the classes. They tried to make every class fun, like I remember when I was doing curriculum development. A few of my profs would bring in toys and they would have us learn about curriculum through playing with toys and teaching us how to create activities with things like a book or like farm animals. So it was really helpful for me being able to bring new activity ideas into my placements.

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Graphic [00:00:47] What excites you about this field?

[Cooper talks about his experience with kindergarten placement]

Cooper [00:00:47] I was in a kindergarten placement this whole past year. So like at the beginning of the year, some of the students they had, they struggled to do simple math. And then by the end of the year, I was seeing them do addition with numbers up to 20 or even 30, and it was pretty awesome. It's just...It's rewarding as a teacher to see that the students are actually learning something from what you're teaching them. So I think that that is probably one of my favorite things about working in the field of education is just how rewarding it is as a job.

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Graphic [00:01:21] How did the university prepare you for the future?

[Cooper talks about how the university has had prepared him]

Cooper [00:01:21] So from my time at the University of Guelph-Humber, I feel that I have been fully prepared for becoming an elementary school teacher because of all the placement experience that I have had, all the curriculum that we've learned and just all the courses that I've completed for the four years have definitely prepared me for becoming an elementary school teacher. So I was in the Early Childhood Studies program and just overall it was...I definitely would say it was the best four years of my life. I got to make a lot of new friends. I got to meet a lot of amazing professors working in the resource room, which is our program's resource center, where all the students can come and they can rent out activities or toys or books to bring to their placement. And it was just a really amazing experience to get to know everyone in the program and get to learn more about the field. And also our two program heads are super enthusiastic about the program, so it made a lot better. Well, I guess so, I have no regrets for this for doing this program.

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