How a future Educator Was Shaped

Manchester College has helped shape who I am today and who I am becoming. Over the past four years I have learned and also changed a great deal. The classes I have taken have helped to shape me to become a better educator. The passion of my professors has rubbed off on me and has made me strive to do my best in everything I tackle. These two components of Manchester College have kept me working through the late nights and hard tests. They have taught me to be a lifelong learner and to always do what I believe. I feel my professors and classes have taught me to not only reach all learners but to reach out to those learners who need help. Everyone needs someone to believe in them, and through example my professors have taught me to believe in my students because my professors believed in me.

All of my classes at Manchester have in some way shaped me to be a better educator. Each class from beginning to end of my college experience as well as everything in between has taught me a valuable lesson that I can use in my own classroom. Intro to Teaching and Foundations for Exceptional Learners my freshman year, helped me to get excited about being a teacher and made me want to learn as much as I could to help students. It taught me that no student is the same and that I must learn different strategies to reach all learners.

Creative Dramatics, Elementary Art Education, Essential Skills in Music, and HPE all were very influential in my college education as well. Each of these classes have taught me the
importance of every aspect that I must incorporate into my classroom to help the children I will teach. Each class will help supplement the core classes I teach so that my students will be able to learn easier, and, most importantly, they will have more fun learning in a diverse classroom.

Methods Block has also had a pivotal role helping me to prepare for the future. Methods Block gave me hands-on experience in every subject area that I can and will use to shape my future curriculum in my classroom. Conflict Resolution is another class that I believe is a great experience for all future educators because it teaches what to do in case of conflict between the teacher and students, teacher and parents, and between students. All the classes that I have taken have prepared me for student teaching and for my future classroom. Many professors have worked hard to make sure I am the best educator I can be.

Studying abroad in Mexico gave me much more insight into how I will teach than I ever thought possible. When I went to Mexico I assumed I was simply going to learn Spanish and nothing more, but I couldn’t have been more wrong. I learned how I might integrate Spanish speaking children into my classroom community, how the migration of millions of Hispanics will influence how and where I teach, and how the Mexican system of education is set-up. These things together will help me teach the Hispanic children in my classroom, and also enable me to communicate with the students and parents to help improve their educational experience.

Overall, my classes in some way have shaped me into who I am going to be as a future educator. My professors and their passion have pushed me to do my very best. If and when I am a good educator, it will be because I had professors that were determined, caring and passionate to produce well rounded educators. I have and will be successful because my professors believed
in me and what I could do and believed I could do more. I am proud to say I am graduating from a great program and quality institution.

(I will add the influence of Lit block, Child Development, and Educational Psychology after next semester when I finish taking them.)