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Final Report

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B. Restatement of Professional Enhancement Opportunity

Advising students is an important component in student retention and matriculation. Advising is a call to service and difficult to do at anytime, but what happens when you are advising individuals hundreds of miles away in an online program? This was an account of one Professor's journey learning to navigate the complicated process of advising online students in a preservice teacher preparation program.

C. Brief Review

The major content of this presentation was to present ways to improve the advising of students in an online program leading to a degree in the teaching profession. The focus was from the perspective of a faculty member assigned to advise online students.

D. Summary of Experience

I value the experiences gained through interacting with colleagues in my area of expertise. Additionally, by attending this conference I increased my professional skills and become a more effective educator, allowing me to expand my students' knowledge of teaching strategies, increase their level of professionalism, expand their writing skills, and facilitate their use of technology while learning how to teach within a diverse culture. Moreover, students will be much more thoroughly prepared when they enter the classroom as observers and interns.

E. Conclusion

In conclusion, when attending conferences, I discuss Arkansas Tech's Teacher Education Program and always gain new knowledge of other teacher education programs across the country. I also learn about various teaching ideas as well as new technology advances in education. I feel that this conference was greatly beneficial to my professional growth. It will have a positive impact on our Elementary Education students at Arkansas Tech University. This

conference was a valuable source of information for my teaching. Furthermore, each new experience and new contact in the teacher preparation field, serves to help keep me well informed about Teacher Education and current initiatives

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