I started the Educational Technology Master program after reading about the field. I got really interesting to learn more about integrating technology in the classroom, believing that technology is the future of our world education. I was really excited to understand how technology could be used professionally and effectively for better understanding of the material as well as how educators could connect with students whose world is filled with technology. I used to believe that technology is for entertainment and pleasure, not for serious learning and delivering information. During my master’s program, I learned how I am able to use technology in education.

While I was collecting for my final portfolio my class work from each of my courses and writing my reflections on each class, I realized the huge amount of information that I gained during this program. I was introduced to the Web 2.0 tools, Bloom’s Digital taxonomy, many great educational website, educational theories, instructional design, and how to create a unit full of great ideas for the use of technology. I also learned how to help students use technology as a tool as well as how I can be careful with using technology and to not overload it in the class for fear it would be a distraction for the students from the main educational goal.

In addition to all of the great information and skills that I learned, I had the opportunity to learn more about the American educational system through this program and at the University of Hartford community. All of the knowledge, information, ideas, and skills that I gain through every instructor in Educational Technology master program has taught me a lot. However, it is the instructors who have made this program so meaningful to me. They added for me a new perspective in how to teach and communicate with the student. They helped me to see the bigger picture on the relationship between the teacher and the students. Each instructor has a special quality that affected me in an important way. They way they look at learning and education and the passion they have has inspired me to love this field. Hopefully, I will be just as effective in this field in my country some day in the future.