As an educator in our advanced society, I know the importance of technology in the classroom. However, I also know that I am not doing justice to my students when it comes to integrating technology into the curriculum. I know that I can do better. Through this program, I hope to better utilize the technology in my classroom to further differentiate my instruction. My students learn in many different ways. With the use of technology, I believe that I can reach more of my students whether they are visual, auditory, tactile, or kinesthetic learners. My goal is to make my lessons more motivating and interactive for my students.   Also, I plan on using what I learn and what I carry over into the classroom to apply for grants within my district for more technological equipment in order to supplement our learning goals. By completing this program, I believe that I will have an impact on more students through my teaching and ultimately become a better educator.

In order for me to fulfil these professional goals of teaching through the use of technology, I must first accomplish my personal goals of becoming more technologically aware. I have experience using a document camera as an overhead, as well as showing the computer screen, but I want to go deeper than that in my teaching. One of my goals is to encourage my students to learn interactively on computers, whether I set up a classroom blog or web page, but first, I need to be able to do this myself. I have access to a class set of laptops at my school, as well as a computer lab that is empty for half of the day, so I would like to utilize these resources. In order to do so, I believe that the lectures and labs in this course, as well as in the whole Educational Technology program, will get me to where I want to be. I would like to be able to use Web 2.0 applications in my classroom to support both my teaching and student learning. Already, I have learned new technologies, like blogs and RSS feeds. With dedication and the passion to learn, I believe that I will meet my personal goals of being able to do more with technology in order to meet my professional goals of spreading this knowledge to my students.