

BENEDICTINE BLOG | TESIMONIAL SUBMISSION – Q&A

Student Name & Program	David Libert, Master of Public Health
Q: What inspired you to go back to school to get a degree?	I have a close family friend who is a MPH and has been a lobbyist for nursing homes in Illinois for 30 years. He shared his experiences with me and suggested that going back to school is important, and receiving a MPH is highly valuable and will help my career.
Q: Why did you choose Benedictine? Why did you choose the program you selected?	Benedictine has a great reputation for outstanding teachers and curriculums. Benedictine is close to home and provided the flexibility to take online classes if my work schedule was overbearing. I chose the Public Health program because I wanted to know more about population health and how our health care system functions.
Q: Were you nervous about anything when starting and if so how has that played out?	I was nervous about beginning school again with my current work schedule. It played out well and I was able to be successful, participated in many activities, and developed lifelong friendships.
Q: What has been the biggest surprise about your experience to date?	I came from a big university where it was very difficult to get to know the professors. My biggest surprise coming to Benedictine how well I was able to develop strong professional relationships with the faculty.
Q: What has been your biggest challenge to date? How did you overcome that challenge?	My biggest challenge was going into the program I didn't realize how broad public health reached. After taking classes my interest was peaked in different areas. I overcame the challenge by participating in hands on experiences related to my areas of interest.
Q: What is your current career and has the program helped you in that career? If so, how have you applied your learnings?	My current career is a Consultant with Attest Health Care Advisors. While I was in the program I completed internships in health policy, where I lobbied for nursing homes in Springfield and worked in Washington DC with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. The MPH program provided me more than knowledge of health care and public health it helped me in my career by furthering my self-confidence, communication, and critical thinking skills.
Q: What do you think is unique about Benedictine's program?	The culture, diversity, and hands on experiences.
Q: What piece of advice would you give any students considering the same degree at Benedictine?	Don't waste more time and Go for it!