

Dear Dr. Catherine Anderson,

Please accept this letter of thanks for your mentorship through graduate school in the Cognitive Science of Language program at McMaster University. The impact of your support began early in our relationship when you served as graduate student advisor. You assisted me to identify and be accepted to a research program in the Language, Memory, and Brain laboratory that resulted in the successful defense of my M.Sc. dissertation and acceptance to the PhD program. Your letters of support helped me be twice acclaimed Graduate Student Representative; three-times awarded financial scholarships; and two-times earned fellowships that included the Graduate Teaching Fellowship.

You inspired me by your scholarly approach to post-secondary teaching and nurtured my own professional interest in instructional design. Your recommendation to affiliate with the MacPherson Institute to pursue the Teaching and Learning Scholar Certificate of Completion set me on a path that I now consider the most significant of my graduate experience. Your mentorship as primary supervisor for my PhD comprehensive exam guided my research talents to systematically evaluate instructional design choices. You taught me to generalize my research skills, and by doing so demonstrated the value in observing all disciplines through a scientific lens. I am grateful to you for sharing your greatest asset with me; transferability. It is this skill that increases our value and success as a part of any cross-disciplinary team, inside and outside of academia.

I hope many more students benefit from your mentorship.

Sincerely yours,

Angela Harrison