



Meet KAYT

*B.A. in
Social Studies
with Teacher Certification*



By the time I had started college,

I was already in my 20s and I was a high school dropout. During my junior year in high school, I had dropped out due to a serious illness and it took me a long time to gain the confidence to start college. I looked at most of the options in New Hampshire and when I looked at Granite State College, it was the most affordable but it was also the most accessible for me. Something I knew I couldn't do was going to a college where I had to be in class every day, all day. I needed to work. I needed to be in the real world because I lived on my own and supported myself.

Even after Granite State College emerged as Kayt's top choice, beginning the process wasn't so simple.

I was terrified. Even after I had determined that GSC was the best place for me, I was still terrified to take the next step. One of my biggest fears was college math. Math was the only course that I ever failed in high school because I'm dyslexic and miscalculate.

Upon meeting with an Academic Coach, Kayt learned that the fears she held were all challenges that she could handle.

My Academic Coach organized a study session for myself and a few other students to study the Accuplacer test. With a passing score, this would allow me to have to take one math course instead of two, which was ideal. She really made it happen for me.

Kayt confronted her fears head on and continues to draw inspiration from her journey. In 2014, Kayt will graduate with a bachelor's degree with teacher certification and will pursue a career as an elementary school teacher.

I want others who are considering GSC to know how easy it is to start. If you work hard and you show that you're determined, every single person at GSC who can is going to help you. That's been my experience.

The illness that caused Kayt to drop out of high school still plays a role in her life and has affected her as a student at Granite State College.

I have SLE lupus, which is the most severe kind you can have—I even had to withdraw one term because of it. I am even able to accomplish everything even struggling with that disease, which often times is debilitating.

There's really no reason to fear whatever roadblocks are standing in your way. At GSC, it really comes down to how encouraging the professors are and how wonderful and flexible the college is—they are here to support you when you're ready to go for it!