

Department of Nursing

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To Whom it May Concern,

I wanted to take a moment to recognize the time, effort and expertise that Logan Rath has shared with our department over the last several years. As the online coordinator for our department, I have worked with Mr. Rath to set up targeted professional development sessions for nursing faculty members. These sessions have been focused on specific skill sets our online faculty members feel would be beneficial to enhance our online teaching capacity. Mr. Rath has supported us with department specific presentations titled "How to Grade more Efficiently using Blackboard" and "Creating media recordings with Camtasia Studio." When approached, he was receptive to our needs and interests and put time and effort into preparing written guides and electronic content appropriate for the faculty involved. Along with presenting the content, he lead a hands application practice session in our computer lab so that the skills presented could be further explored with support available. The online faculty have been very positive in their feedback and interest in continuing these sessions that have been well attended each time. We are currently implementing the skills we are learned at these sessions to further enhance our online courses. During this process, he has also provided an extensive amount of support to ensure we are able to use Camtasia Studio successfully in order to make our videos ADA compliant as well as edit them as needed.

In addition, while working as the interlibrary loan librarian he helped many of us secure the resources we needed for our classroom teaching and our own research projects in a very timely and efficient manner. He utilized creative and efficient methods to find and make available the resources we requested, frequently within several hours of the initial request. We all appreciated his diligence and understanding of time sensitive needs.

In addition to providing professional development sessions, Mr. Rath is currently developing content for and embedded into five online sections of PRO 306 which is our introductory online course in the RN-BSN program. This student group requires a high level of support with library and IT skills. Many have been out of school for ten or more years and are very intimidated by the computer, literature searches and paper writing. In addition, the course is compact and only runs for 2 weeks. It is essential that students and faculty alike are able to access support in a timely manner once the course goes live. Mr. Rath has been extremely responsive to both faculty and student needs within the course, frequently developing new video content to address concerns that arise. He does so in a format that is readily available to students and faculty making the sharing of both support and resources within multiple sections of the course not only possible but a fluid, continuous process.

We would like to recognize and thank Mr. Rath who has graciously shared his knowledge and experience with our faculty members. He has consistently gone "above and beyond" to meet the needs of our faculty by providing excellent service and support for our department. We look forward to

continued partnership with LITS and IT as we all strive to promote excellence in online teaching at Brockport.

Sincerely,

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