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## *Angela Hines ('16) Improves Skills in Leadership and Decision-Making*

When Angela Hines ('16) of Statesville, N.C., decided it was time to earn the doctorate she always wanted, she chose her program carefully. After researching different colleges and talking to colleagues, Hines enrolled in the curriculum and instruction program at Gardner-Webb University.

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Angela Hines, center, earned her doctorate in curriculum and instruction.

“The offerings at Gardner-Webb were heads above all other schools,” she observed. “The way that the program was arranged and the experience I had with my cohort was immeasurable. All of the other programs I looked at before choosing Gardner-Webb were not nearly as well organized, and the experiences I had with my cohort would not have been possible in these other programs.”

Hines has been a teacher for 27 years; the last 26 she has been working with students at the middle school level. “Curriculum and Instruction is my love and I want to make the experience for my students the best it can be,” she affirmed. “I feel that as a school system we need to make sure the offerings we make to our students are state-of-the-art.”

The GWU professors provided practical content, arranged so that each topic was a foundation for the next. “Every reading and post and evidence helped me daily as I became a stronger leader and instructional facilitator,” she assessed. “Nothing that I learned was wasteful. I feel more capable of making good, sound decisions, and I know that the decisions I am making are based on research and best practices.”