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She currently works full-time at the University of Nebraska Medical Center as a Project Coordinator of a nationwide public health training program. She also works part time as a Communication Instructor at Hamilton College.

In regards to how Communication Studies skills have benefited her in work, Katie had this to say: "It is so important to be able to communicate effectively with any audience you come into contact with. In my job at the University, I give presentations on a local, regional and national scale using the oral communication skills gained at UNL. Additionally, I spend much of my time coordinating and facilitating meetings and workshops using interpersonal and business communication techniques."

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The skills I received from my communication studies degree at UNL were my biggest asset in the job market. I was told by an interviewer that, "You can teach someone technical skills for a job so the most important characteristic an applicant can have is the ability to communicate with customers and co-workers". My participation in the Communication Studies Club allowed me to practice my skills, and I used club events as examples of successful communication and leadership during my interviews. My communication skills landed me a great job doing something I really enjoy.

Everyday I use communication skills such as public speaking in meetings, interpersonal communication with customers, the knowledge of organizational communication to successfully communicate with co-workers, and leadership skills to effectively do my job

Suggestions to future Communication Studies Majors/Minors:

1) Get involved in the Communication Studies Club

- Great way to gain leadership skills
- Shows employers you are capable of succeeding in a team environment
- Opportunity to get involved in the Department and meet Professors
- Great way to meet other students in the major

2) Get an Internship

- Get real world experience
- Practice Communication Skills
- Networking Opportunities
- Possible job after graduation

3) Talk to Professors

- Discuss projects with them
- Ask about possible research opportunities

I owe my success to hard work, passion, and the skills I gained from the Communication Studies Department and the opportunities I had in the Communication Studies Club.