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Introduction

Well done - lets me know where you are coming from.

Prior to commencing my MEd studies, I had been involved in the e-learning industry for nearly nine years. During that time, I adhered to the development philosophy of the organization for which I worked. Beginning as an instructional designer in the industry I have been involved in the design and development of e-learning solutions for clients across the globe. I have seen the evolution of technology and how the **intergration** of e-learning has grown from minimal acceptance through to wide spread adoption.

During this time in the industry and the rapid succession of projects with tight deadlines, I have been exposed to the instructional design methodologies of Dick and Carey, Gagne, Merrill, and the ADDIE model, to name a few. As well, I have seen the numerous arguments for one learning theory over another from behaviorism to cognitivism, to constructivism. As projects passed by quickly and technology changed, the instructional design debates continued. Although I made rational ~~education~~ decisions about design choices, I felt as though I didn't have the theoretical background to question some of the approaches employed. After many years away from school, I made the decision to pursue my Masters. I make this decision because I wanted to explore **the** instructional design and learning theories outside the context of work. I wanted to be able to make my own judgments, rather than having it determined by the budget or the organization for which I worked.

