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Why did you decide to go to Graduate School?

To become a Certified Public Accountant in Michigan you must complete 150 credit hours. By combining my bachelors and my masters I will be able to have those completed while taking courses that will both prepare me for the CPA exam and for the workplace. I also knew that I would be getting a good education in an accredited program, with faculty who are well versed in their subject matter.

Why did you decide to go to OU?

Similar reasons to why I came here for my undergrad: affordable prices while being close to my family. The faculty here are also another reason, as I mentioned before, they have really helped me in preparing for my program and to enter the job market. In particular, Donna Free, who is my program director, has really assisted me when it came to applying to graduate school and attaining a graduate assistantship.

What is your favorite part of being an OU Graduate student?

I have big opportunities in a small school environment. I think it has given myself and other students a competitive advantage over students who come from bigger schools. I've been able to make connections and relationships that allowed me to enter the job market in Detroit.