MASTER’S DEGREE HOLDER

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“Really! You graduated from MA! Awesome!”

I am not sure whether it is appraisal or not. Because with all honesty, my road in attaining this diploma was never easy.

There are many struggles that a teacher faces when she got herself enrolled in a higher educational attainment. First, it is really costly to go to school every Saturday plus the tuition and miscellaneous fees every semester/trimester. Besides, course requirement per professor contributes to this burden. But most of all, expenses for thesis writing and defense hurt your pocket so much. Before you enroll, you must be financially prepared.

Second, enrolling in master program is never easy especially if you are active in the teaching service. This means you have to balance and juggle your teaching load to your academic requirements. So meaning to say, before you enroll, make sure you can balance your time well.

Third, going back to school means revitalizing your old notes and reawakening the dead cells sleeping in your brain. You often find yourself in the library reading pertinent text and notes. Meaning to say, before you enroll, make sure you are mentally and emotionally ready.

However, with all of these constrictions, enrolling and attaining a diploma in master program gives much benefits. As Bennet, Dunne and Carre (2014) stressed, studying on master program is valuable in boosting the position and professionalism of
an educational practitioner. In addition, master’s degree holders have a higher tendency to acquire and execute superior mastery in workplace and intricate tasks (Argosy University, 2018).

Personally, aside from personal growth, the major opportunity that I received two months after I got my diploma on Master of Arts in Education master in Technology and Home Economics was that I instantly got promoted from Teacher II to Teacher III. And this promotion means higher salary. Higher educational attainment actually became my edge over other applicants.

My road to become a master’s degree holder was never easy; I realized that you really have to work hard to attain your dreams. You have to invest hard work and dedication to secure a greener pasture and more promising career. However, the benefits I enjoyed being one outweigh the struggles I faced upon acquiring my diploma. As the old cliché goes: NO PAIN, NO GAIN.

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