

# Jessica Claire

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## SUMMARY

ASpecial education professional, highly skilled in working with students, including perceiving and dealing with their functions. Extensive mentoring and tutoring experience. Versatile and dedicated special education teacher with a focus on the individual needs of special education students. Empathetic and accommodating in the design and implementation of hands-on lessons. Helpful Resource Teacher extensively trained in helping students with special needs. Equipped to provide appropriate learning techniques and behavioral redirection for children with learning disabilities.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Managing classroom for diverse populations \* Experience with instructional design
- Strong collaborator \* Diverse classroom settings
- Positive learning environment \* Student-centered learning
- Creative learning strategies \* Classroom discipline
- Experience with special-needs students \* Test proctoring
- Interpersonal skills \* Age-appropriate lesson planning
- Student motivation \* Audio-visual aid implementation

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## EXPERIENCE

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER** 08/2013 to CURRENT

**Centennial Boces Consortium | Greeley, CO**

- Instructed students in several co-taught classrooms, including English, Science, Social Science and Math.
- Instructed students with disabilities, including ADHD, learning disabilities and students who are in the autism spectrum.
- Created strategies to meet the needs of student those that have disabilities.
- Redirected students using Positive Behavior Support (PBS).
- Coordinated special education students and teacher assistant schedules with the master schedule.
- Physically and verbally interacted with students throughout the day.
- Gave one-on-one attention to students, while maintaining overall focus on the entire group.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER** 08/2008 to 07/2013

**Centennial Boces Consortium | Greeley, CO**

- Designed and executed IEP goals, accommodations, and modifications for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities.
- Serviced students with appropriate supports according to IEP, State, and Federal guidelines in specific co-taught lessons in the general education classroom and in a resource room setting.
- Designed curriculum to help students prepare for life after school, understanding the IEP, IEP process, and to gain skills that would allow them to gain employment.
- Assisted all students in the middle school in state test preparation and study skills.
- Redirected students using Positive Behavior Support (PBS).

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER** 08/2007 to 08/2008

**Centennial Boces Consortium | Greeley, CO**

- Planned and implemented daily lesson plans specifically designed for students with severe and profound physical, mental and learning disabilities.
- Designed and implemented alternated assessments for student that qualified for alternate state assessments.
- Implemented and taught a life skills program.
- Redirected students using Positive Behavior Support (PBS).

**HEAD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH** 08/2007 to 11/2012

**Allegan Area Schools Application Consortium | Allegan, MI**

- Developed game plans and adjusted them according to various game situations.
- Built strong rapport with athletes and assistants before, during and after coaching seasons.
- Taught a range of sport-specific skills in a clear, safe manner.
- Acted as a positive role model for team participants and in the community.
- Maintained thorough knowledge of all rules, game procedures, coaching techniques and current trends in football.
- Recommended and ordered equipment, supplies and uniforms.
- Exhibited sound judgment while executing coaching responsibilities and functions.
- Supervised practices and contests, prioritizing safety at all times.
- Developed positive relationships with parents, schools and the community.
- Worked with football coaching staff regarding game scouting reports and game strategies for opponents.
- Maintained high academic standards for all student athletes and enforced academic discipline.

**ASSISTANT TRACK COACH** 02/2008 to 05/2013

**Whiting CSD | City, STATE**

- Taught a range of sport-specific skills in a clear, safe manner.
- Acted as a positive role model for team participants and in the community.
- Recruited student-athletes of the highest caliber and elevate team performance.
- Maintained thorough knowledge of all rules, game procedures, coaching techniques and current trends in track and field.
- Developed guidelines for injury prevention.
- Demonstrated a high level of respect for opponents, officials and facilities.
- Acted as supervisor for the female student-athletes and student managers.
- Worked closely with the athletics director in scheduling interscholastic contests.
- Recommended and ordered equipment, supplies and uniforms.
- Supervised practices and contests, prioritizing safety at all times.

## EDUCATION

Secondary Administration Special Education CURRENT

**University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD**

GPA: Recipient of Jan Ebersdorfer Scholarship

Secondary Administration Recipient of Jan Ebersdorfer Scholarship Special Education

**Bachelor of Arts | Special Education** 1 2005

**Morningside College, Sioux City, IA**

Special Education

**Certifications K-6 Certification 7-12 Special Education Secondary Administration | Elementary Education**

**University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD**

Elementary Education

## INTERESTS

National Honor Society Sponsor Mentor for first and second year teachers Whiting Teachers Association Vice President Transition Specialist Youth Mental Health First Aid Certified

## SKILLS

academic, Audio, coaching, Interpersonal skills, English, focus, instructional design, director, Managing, Math, rapport, safety, scheduling, sound, supervisor, teacher

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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