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Education

Education Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction: University of Virginia

4.0 GPA | Graduate with Honors

Coursework: Instructional Design, Multimedia Learning, Online and Blended Learning, Capstone Instructional Design Project, ESL Curriculum and Assessments, Racial Equity and Education

Master of Arts in Teaching: Liberty University

4.0 GPA | Graduate with High Distinction

Coursework: Trends in Educational Technology, Curriculum Methods, Learning Theory, History and Philosophy of Education, Language Acquisition, Instructional Differentiation, K-12 pedagogy

Bachelor of Music in World Cultures: Liberty University

4.0 GPA | Summa Cum Laude

Coursework: Business Technology, Computer Concepts, Arts and Community Enrichment, Intercultural Communication, Ethnomusicology, Anthropology, Speech Communications

Experience

Elementary ESOL Teacher:

Lynchburg City Schools | January 2020 - Present

Instructs multilingual learners; creates engaging curriculum using UDL and culturally relevant pedagogy; ensures an equitable learning environment through tiered interventions and ELA supports; administers standardized assessments; lesions between immigrant families and school staff

Instructional Designer

Lynchburg City Schools | June 2022 - Present

Contracted to create professional development materials that train staff in multilingual learner education; designs asynchronous learning modules utilizing ADDIE model; collaborates with SME; maintains legal and organizational compliance; implements adult learning theory to maximize retention

Elementary English Teacher:

QKids International | March 2019 - August 2020

Taught English to PreK-6th grade students, facilitated engaging language classes using an advanced synchronous learning software; fostered gamified learning environment for optimal language retention

Graduate Student Assistant

Liberty University | August 2018 – May 2020

Managed large undergraduate courses; set up courses in LMS; maintained data entry; organized teaching materials for face-to-face and remote learning; proctored assessments; tutored students; ensured course accessibility through ADA and university accommodations; monitored progress of exceptional learners

Scheduling Coordinator

World Help | January 2018- August 2018

Served in an administrative role at a global nonprofit; helped to build a ten-month tour for the Children of the World Choir through careful planning, public engagement, and strategic partnerships

Project Coordinator Assistant

Liberty University | March 2016- December 2017

Worked in university web content department; equipped videos with closed captions for accessibility; cooperated with team to ensure product excellence and organizational compliance

Research

Student Research Fellow

Liberty University | August 2018 - May 2021

Contributed as a graduate member of in an interdisciplinary university research fellowship; participated in forums on relevant academic issues; reviewed scholarly literature with peers and faculty

Ethnomusicology Field Work

Indonesia | Summer 2017

Studied abroad for seven weeks in an urban East Asian population; facilitated forum on ethnic music preservation and creation; learned local art forms; recorded ethnographic research

Continuing Research Interests

Micro-learning; online learning platforms; curriculum and instruction for multilingual learners; differentiation for exceptional e-learners; performance optimization through professional development

Portfolio

Work samples: carsonlearningdesigns.com

Personal and professional references available upon request