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**Objective**

Versatile and Dedicated child advocate with a solid focus on the individual needs of Special Education students in Early Childhood. Kindhearted and empathetic professional who is flexible and accommodating in the design and implementation of inspiring hands-on lessons, employing wide-ranging manipulatives and IEP’s to enhance student achievement. Skilled in addressing student’s needs, ensuring children will thrive and develop in an adaptable educational atmosphere.

**EDUCATION**

**NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY** JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

***M.A.T. Early childhood/Special Education May 2015***

**KEAN UNIVERSITY** UNION, NEW JERSEY

***B.A. English May 2013***

**honors**

**Kappa Delta Pi Member** Spring 2015

***International Honors society in Education***

**BAAFSSO Educational Achievement Honoree** Spring 2015

***Black Administrators, Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students***

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

New Horizons Community Charter School Newark, New Jersey

***Special Education Teacher*** *August 2015 – Present*

* Assess students’ skills to determine their needs and to develop teaching plans
* Adapt lessons to meet the needs of students
* Develop Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for each student
* Plan, organize, and assign activities that are specific to each student’s abilities

Essex Regional Educational Services CommisSion Irvington, new Jersey

***Paraprofessional***  *September 2012 – August 2015*

* Works with individual students or small groups of students to reinforce learning of material or skills initially introduced by the teacher.
* Assists the teacher in devising special strategies for reinforcing material or skills based on a sympathetic understanding of individual students, their needs, interest, and abilities.
* Keeps bulletin board and other classroom learning displays up to date.
* Maintains the same high level of ethical behavior and confidentiality of information about students as is expected of fully licensed teachers.

NJIT PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

***Teacher's Assistant and Tutor*** *June 2009 - January 2012*

* Provide private instruction to individual or small groups of students to improve academic performance, improve occupational skills, or prepare for academic or occupational tests.
* Develop teaching or training materials, such as handouts, study materials, or quizzes.
* Maintain records of students' assessment results, progress, feedback, or school performance, ensuring confidentiality of all records.
* Prepare and facilitate tutoring workshops, collaborative projects, or academic support sessions for small groups of students.
* Present subject matter to students under the direction and guidance of teachers, using lectures, discussions, or supervised role-playing methods.

**Certificates**

* Early Childhood Education Pre-School Through Grade 3
* Teacher of Students with Disabilities
* Substitute Certification
* Professional Development from The Teacher’s College Reading and Writing Project

**Highlights**

* Trained by Columbia University’s Teachers College Reading and Writing project
* Lesson planning Expertise
* Academic performance evaluations
* IEP familiarity
* Common Core knowledge
* PARCC standardized testing familiarity
* Trained by Division of Developmental Disabilities
* Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Trained
* Individual Habilitation Plan knowledge
* Harassment Awareness
* Computer Skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook PowerPoint

***References Available Upon Request***