

RHYS SMOKER

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Education

- **Computer Coding Boot Camp graduate.** University of Washington Professional & Continuing Education (2023)
- **Master of Arts in Teaching,** University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau AK
- **Bachelor of Science in Oceanography,** minor in **Studio Art.** Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

Washington State Teaching Certificate (cert #536162A) Endorsements

- Middle Level Mathematics
- Social Studies
- English/Language Arts
- Elementary (k-8)

Experience

Paraeducator, Bellingham Public Schools, Bellingham WA.

2022-2023

- Served students needing IEP services and behavioral support.

Summer Mentor, Wild Whatcom, Bellingham WA.

Summer 2022

- Co-leading nature explorations with youth K-12, monitoring safety, and facilitating youth connections to nature; assisting with program logistics and maintaining clear, responsive, honest and respectful communications with participants, families, and co-workers.

Resource Room Paraeducator, Fairhaven Middle School, Bellingham WA.

2021-2022

- Worked one on one and in small groups giving support to students needing IEP services and behavioral supports in general ed. settings.

Core Faculty, Explorations Academy, Bellingham WA.

2019-2021

- Designed and taught Game Design, Coding, Robotics, Pre-Algebra, Astronomy, Neurobiology, Agricultural Economics, and Marine Ecology courses in an integrated curriculum context.
- Organized and co-led field orientations, backcountry camping trips, and field learning intensives.
- Served in an advising role with individual students (academic, personal, and career counseling).

Substitute Teacher, Bellingham Public Schools, Bellingham WA

2016-2019

- Covered over 100 classrooms during the 2018-2019 school year.

Instructor, after-school LEGO engineering club with Strategic Kids, Bellingham WA **Spring 2019**

Forest School and Maker Space Teacher, Montessori Peace Centers, Bellingham WA **2017**

- Led preschool and elementary aged children in forest excursions

Preschool Teacher, Success by Six, Moscow, ID **2016**

- Created and led daily lessons for a group of eight children

Right of Way Agent, Alaska Dept. Transportation, Juneau AK **2014- 2015**

- Public facing projects liaison, encroachment permitting, and land acquisition.

Substitute Paraeducator, Pribilof Islands School District, St. Paul, AK **2013**

- Assisted special needs students; general classroom instruction.
- Received "Champion of Children" award.

Volunteer Field Research Assistant, Pribilof Islands, AK **2012-2013**

- Assisted Dr. Courtney Lyons ("Ecosystems, social-ecological systems, and culture: Using systems perspectives to inform fisheries management in the Pribilof Islands, Alaska.")
 - Completed research ethics training.
 - Did outreach within Aleut native Alaskan communities of St. George and St. Paul .
 - Transcribed confidential interviews with residents.

Customer Service Agent III, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education **May 2011-Aug 2012,**

- Counseled college students applying for or receiving loans, grants, and scholarships. **Jan 2013- April 2014**
- Received "employee of the quarter" award in 2014
- Made over 10,000 phone contact records

Middle School Science and Math Teacher, DHMS, Juneau, AK. **2009-2010**

- Designed projects, games, assessments and curriculums for 56 students.
- Individually tailored math assignments and assessments, scaffolding for mastery of all Alaska state mathematics standards.
- Created hands-on, inquiry-based science lessons on astronomy, geology, and biology.

- Long Term Substitute French Teacher*, Juneau Douglas High School. **2010-2011**
- Created project based curriculum and taught 2 levels of high school French classes
- Learning Center tutor (math and physics)*, University Alaska Southeast. **2009**
- Assisted drop-in students with algebra, trigonometry, and calculus homework
- Intern Teacher*, Auke Bay Elementary School, Juneau, AK. **2008-2009**
- Designed and taught an integrated science and social studies curriculum for a 5th grade classroom.
- Intern Teacher*, Juneau Douglas High School, Juneau, AK. **2007-2008**
- Assistant taught biology and oceanography courses.
 - Led students in creating their own mathematical models of local ocean conditions.
- Paraeducator*, Riverbend Elementary School, Juneau, AK. **2006**
- Supervised small groups of children diagnosed with Autism, TBI, and FASD
- Docent*, Pennington Marine Science Center, Catalina Island, CA **2006**
- Created and taught ecology classes for teens
 - Assistant instructor for a SCUBA class
 - Maintained a 50,000 gallon seawater aquarium system