

Ryan Christopher Thomas

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Professional Experience

English III Team Lead, Teacher

August 2016 - Present

Akins Early College High School

- Team Lead: Managed a team of 4 other teachers, overseeing the design and development of curriculum for all English 3 courses (~650 students/year). Spearheaded pivot to virtual learning in 2020 and led team in creating digital curriculum, assessments, and lessons.
- OnRamps Program: Taught college-level Rhetoric course offered in partnership with University of Texas. Increased English 3 OnRamps Rhetoric enrollment by over 100%. Designed and presented "Emotionally Supportive Teaching for Advanced Students" for over 50 educators at the statewide 2019 OnRamps Summer Institute.
- Literacy Hub: Founded the Akins Literacy Hub, a peer-tutoring club based on the Writing Center model championed by The UT Austin Writing Center. Based on research into successful peer-tutoring efforts amongst high schoolers, designed a system focused on fostering student leadership and ownership. After 3 years, secured funding from administration to ensure continued support and success.
- Core Work: Taught courses at all high school grade levels, including Reading, English 2, English 3, English 3 OnRamps, and College Readiness. Day-to-day role requires stakeholder management in working with administration and parents, up-to-date knowledge of current education best practices, and prioritizing the needs of hundreds of students per year.

Presentations Coordinator and Writing Consultant

August 2014 - June 2016

University of Texas at Austin Writing Center

- Crafted digital educational and promotional materials used by all Writing Center employees and shared broadly throughout the University.
- Led a team of 15 graduate and undergraduate consultants in crafting content for presentation to a variety of UT courses.
- Delivered over 40 lecture-length presentations on writing, rhetoric, and research principles to UT courses in multiple departments. Tailored presentations to multiple audiences including students in engineering and computer science.
- Conducted over 700 forty-five minute writing consultations with UT students.

Client Services Coordinator

June 2012 - August 2014

Liquid Litigation Management, Inc.

- Educated executive level legal clients on using litigation software. Developed detailed digital training materials and coursework.
- Partnered with C-Suite on client strategy and reporting. Led overhaul of company-wide client reporting, resulting in increased client satisfaction and retention.

College Adviser

June 2010 - June 2012

Advise Texas

- Served as an adviser at Sterling and Lanier High Schools. Worked with students one-on-one and also advised at scale, delivering over 350 classroom presentations on college admissions, financial aid, college life, and more.
- Improved college application rates by **58%** from the previous year at Sterling High School.
- Presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding the impact of the Advise TX Program.

Education and Certifications

TEA Certified Language Arts Teacher with ESL Endorsement, Grades 7-12

M.Ed - Curriculum and Instruction

August 2014 - June 2016

University of Texas at Austin

GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts - Rhetoric and Writing

August 2006 - June 2010

University of Texas at Austin

GPA: 3.78

Honors and Awards

2015 McCarthy Dressman Foundation Student Teaching
Scholarship Award Winner

2012 Advise TX Outstanding Service Award