

Ben De Franco

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

My objective is to not only become an effective teacher for students but also to instill in them vital qualities that can transform their lives.

SKILLS

- Strong leadership, organization, and communication skills
- Familiar with both google classroom and Brightspace.
- Dependable & able to work both independently and as part of a team
- Able to help/work with teens with learning disabilities including ASD
- Able to effectively work with ESL students.
- Kind and patient with children and adults
- Able to create engaging multimedia literacy activities.
- Advocate for inclusivity and equitable teaching.
- Experience with all school-age students
- Able to adapt lesson plans to better fit students' individual needs (differential learning)
- Experienced musician: Trumpet, Guitar, Theory
- Passionate and knowledgeable hobby historian.

EDUCATION

York University— Honours BFA in music

Graduated in 2022 and had excellent marks. The trumpet was my main instrument but I also took classes in piano and vocals. Played various genres including Classical, Jazz, R&B, 20th century, and film soundtracks. The second specialty is Canadian and World History.

York University — Concurrent Education

2020-PRESENT

Accepted into York's concurrent education program. I completed my first year of a teacher's college in 2020-2021. My final year will be completed in 2022-2023. Two teachable subjects are music and history, with the goals of gaining AQs in Geography and Law:
Intermediate/Senior division- Grades 7-12

CERTIFICATES

First Aid

High Five

Youth Empowering

Adults (Y.E.P) Tutor

VOLUNTEERING

2019 Feb - June: James Cardinal Mcguigan Catholic Secondary school's Music Program

2015-2016 Co-op Placement at two elementary schools: Teaching (music and math) to kids ages 11-13 and 9-10

2014-2016 Children liturgy program (music Lead)

2014-2017 Community Music programs- Wonderland music festival, Woodbine mall music festival, Christmas concerts

Barclay Community Programs: Bingo Night (server & general helper). Italian Dinner Nights (server). Christmas Banquets (server & cleanup crew)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Music Teacher at Western Technical Commercial School (TDSB)

- 1: Sep 2022 - Dec 2022
- 3: Jan - May 2023
- Worked with many students with IEPs
- Helped ELL students with various backgrounds
- Taught students of many diverse backgrounds including Indigenous and Jehovah's Witnesses.
- Volunteer with the Band club.
- Taught several lessons including music history, as well as conducted multiple pieces.
- I learned that Teaching is something I can do effectively and is something that I love to do.

History/Civics Teacher at Silverthorn Collegiate Institute (TDSB)

- Worked with students in the High-Performance program
- Have created fun and interactive lessons on important historical topics including residential schools.
- Volunteered with the music teacher and attended many after-school rehearsals. I was able to conduct some songs as well.
- Volunteered during a parent-teacher conference night.
- Taught a full unit on WWII (a unit plan designed by me) that was enthusiastically approved by my Mentor.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Special Needs camp counselor, Etobicoke- Program Director

July 2018- PRESENT: Adapted and Inclusive program staff, Employed by Parks and Rec Toronto. Worked with people of all ages who have ASD or Down Syndrome. Teaching them life skills and giving them opportunities to experience camp.

Hockey Instructor, Christie Pits, Introductory lessons

January- April 2019: Hockey instructor for kids ages 4-6, 7-11, and 18+, Employed by Parks and Rec Toronto

Bulk Barn, Six Point Plaza — part-time Employee

2015-2016: Helped with customer service, cleaning, stocking shelves the store as well as stocking the shelves/tubs: 4 shifts/week

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ☒ Dependable
- ☒ Patience
- ☒ Adaptable
- ☒ Differentiated Learning Advocate
- ☒ Experienced at equitable education
- ☒ Enthusiastic
- ☒ Takes initiative
- ☒ Team player and active collaborator
- ☒ Inclusive educator
- ☒ Effective at maintaining a safe class for students.

HOBBIES

Sports:

- Hockey: played rec hockey for over ten years now. Voted Assistant Captain
- Skiing
- Soccer
- Cycling

Other Hobbies:

- Board Games
- Reading
- Video Games