

# Brian McKenna

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Motivated and adaptable Junior Full Stack Developer looking for a career in web and software design. Experience working in Agile development environment and deploying completed apps to GitHub and Heroku. Additional experience in journalism and education, with skills in written and verbal communication, copyediting, classroom management and project development. Accustomed to and skilled in working in team environments to achieve shared goals.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Full Time Substitute/Paraprofessional Madison Public Schools, Madison, CT

November 2020 – May 2023

- Adapted to dynamic and unpredictable work environment teaching various subjects of course material while substituting for primary classroom teachers
- Engaged students in lesson material to foster a productive and comfortable classroom environment
- Facilitated classroom learning for student with special needs to maximize their learning environment
- Developed strategies with student's case manager and families to ensure students met required learning objectives

### English Teacher Education First, Shandong, China

April 2018 – July 2020

- Instructed students ages 3-18 in conversational English through reading, writing and speaking activities and coursework; developed tactics and techniques at class and individual level to maximize student success
- Conducted conferences with parents of students to update and manage expectations regarding student progress; utilized this time to provide additional study tips and at-home exercises to better prepare the students
- Assisted in transition from in-person to virtual classes during earliest phases of COVID-19; provided critical and timely feedback to development team to ease the transition and improve the platform; simultaneously communicated with students and families to facilitate these rapid changes

## SKILLS

- Web Design (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, Tailwind.css, Java, Maven, React, Node.js, Express, MySQL, NoSQL, GraphQL, GitHub, Heroku, Visual Studio Code, Replit)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Teams)
- Foreign language (Basic Spanish, Japanese, Chinese)

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Liberal Arts (Communications)  
Mount St. Mary's University

May 2017

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Web Design Bootcamp, University of Connecticut
- English Second Language, TEFL.org.uk

December 2022  
November 2017