

EDUCATION

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY | Erie, PA

Bachelor of Arts: Art Education

Minor: Photography

GPA: 3.681

Certifications: Art Education K-12

Mid-level Mathematics 7-9

EDUCATION FIELD EXPERIENCE

STUDENT TEACHING PLACEMENT

COLLEGIATE ACADEMY | Erie, PA

Art 9-12 | February 2012-March 2012

- Planned and implemented lessons and projects for Art I, Ceramics 2, and Poster Art classes including DBAE (Discipline-Based Art Education), and unit plans.
- Gained experience in classroom management, behavior modification, and creating meaningful and relevant artistic experiences and projects for high school students

ELK VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | Lake City, PA

Art K-4 | March 2012- May 2012

- Planned and implemented lessons and projects for two introductory art and design classes based on the basic elements and principles of design and DBAE (Discipline-Based Art Education)
- Gaining experience in classroom management, behavior modification, and creating meaningful and relevant artistic experiences and projects for elementary school students.

PRE-SERVICE INTERNSHIP

COLLEGIATE ACADEMY | Erie, PA

Art 9-12 | January 2012-February 2012

- Observed demonstrations and lessons given by the teacher and aided students with help during their projects
- Observed classroom management methods, organization of materials, and organization of classroom work environment to create a positive learning atmosphere

RELATED EXPERIENCE

MONESSEN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS | Monessen, PA

Middle/High School Art Teacher | July 2014-Present

- Teach 6-12th grade art focusing on drawing, painting, paper and recycleable art.
- Created a curriculum that scaffolds on basic techniques from 6th-12th grade including, drawing, painting, recycled art, and basic sculpture.
- Focus on projects that implement cross-curricular materials such as history, reading, and writing.
- Run an art club focusing on projects that extend beyond the classroom such as printmaking, advanced painting, and basic ceramic construction.

MATHNASIUM | McMurray, PA

Mathematics Tutor | October 2013-Present

- Implement the lessons and various practices of the Mathnasium curriculum.
- Help student in grades 1-12 on various math practices from basic addition through Calculus.

RELATED EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

MONTOUR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT | McKees Rocks, PA

Long-term Substitute | August 2013-Present

- Create lesson plans that focus on various artists throughout history, in which the students learn and practice their techniques and the various processes in Drawing and Painting.
- Implement the State Standards as well as the Common Core Standards.
- Teach drawing and painting, touching on various mediums including, graphite, charcoal, oil pastel, acrylic, and watercolor.
- Students recognized in the 14th Annual Congressional High School Art Contest.
- Certified in Child Abuse Reporting

EXTENDED DAY SERVICES | McMurray, PA

Camp Counselor | June 2013-Present

- Monitor students in educational activities on a daily basis ranging from Kindergarten-6th grade
- Implement a given lesson plan including Math, Vocabulary, Drama, Art, Science, Health and Fitness
- Foster a healthy learning and growing environment for children that allows for educational and personal growth

BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT | Bethel Park, PA

Day-to-Day Substitute | September 2012-Present

- Complete daily lesson plans in various subject areas based on given materials while attending to school wide expectations.
- Certified to administer the Keystone and PSSA standardized exams

BAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | Upper St. Clair, PA

Long-term Substitute | April 2013-May 2013

- Create lesson plans that engage and educate students in grades K-4 on various subject matter and movements within art including: painting, ceramics, drawing, and print making.
- Completed a school wide art display for Star Night, a night that was geared toward representing each student individually.
- Worked with adaptation students familiarizing them with textures, basic colors, and various materials such as paint, clay, and watercolor.

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE LIFE | Erie, PA

Resident Assistant | August 2009 – August 2012

- Run and organize programs to educate and promote community and a safe learning and living environment
- Facilitate a living environment for 30 freshmen male residents after previously serving in the sophomore-living area (apartment-style living)
- Trained in conflict resolution, crisis intervention, and active listening

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY D'ANGELO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER | Erie, PA

Marketing and Advertising/Graphic | August 2010 – February 2012

- Effectively worked with a team of 3 designers
- Managed the website and its content utilizing Createbot and Werkbot
- Created design for print and web, such as billboards, postcards, posters, animated banners, and newspaper/magazine advertisements
- Created event calendars and spread sheets of performances using MS Word and Excel

RELATED EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY ART DEPARTMENT | Erie, PA

Research Assistant | August 2008 - May 2009

- Year-long research project exploring the use of SecondLife as an Art Education/History Education resource in the classroom through the eyes of an Avatar: AbeLincoln Magic
- Presented our findings and research at the Pennsylvania Art Education Association Conference, and the PETE&C Conference

ACTIVITIES

2008-2012 Mercyhurst Art Education Club, NAEA Student Chapter

- President, Spring 2011-2012
- Mercyhurst College Empty Bowls Event | Spring 2008, 2010, 2011- Produced ceramic bowls and organized a meal event to raise money for the Second Harvest Food Bank in Erie, PA
- Erie Zoo Mural | January-May 2010 – Developed and painted murals in the zoo's educational hallway incorporating geographic areas of the world with the animals that live in these environments
- Dino Days | May 2009 - Art lessons taught to students from Jefferson Elementary School in conjunction with Kappa Delta Pi and the Geology Department
- Diversity Grant Art Fair | 2008 Assisted and taught lessons to children from local community centers
- Christmas on Campus | Winter 2008-2011- Assisted local children with Christmas themed crafts

2008-2011 Photography Club

MEMBERSHIPS

National Art Education Association | October 2008-Present

Pennsylvania Art Education Association, Member | October 2008- Present

HONORS

2008-2012 Dean's List Recipient at Mercyhurst University

2012 Senior Thesis Art exhibit

2009-2012 Work exhibited in Mercyhurst University juried Student Art Show

- 2012 Juror's Purchase Award
- 2011 Juror's Cash Award

2009 Inducted into Kappa Delta Pi (National Education Honors Society)

2009 Inducted into Phi Eta Sigma (Mercyhurst University Freshman National Honor Society)

2009 Presented Research Project, "Abraham LincolnMagic," for three conferences

- Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference
- Pennsylvania Art Education Association Conference
- C-CUE Technology Forum

AWARDS

2008-2012 Sister Angelic Art Scholarship

2008-2012 Egan Scholarship

2010 Clyde M. McGeary Scholarship

2008 Gollumpic Art Scholarship