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CERTIFICATION

Pennsylvania State Certification in Elementary Education K-6, Instructional I Certificate	June 1, 2013
Pennsylvania State Certification in Special Education PK-8, Instructional I Certificate	June 1, 2013

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Special Education Daemen College, Amherst, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GPA: 4.0	September 1, 2011
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Bachelor of Science, Childhood Education/Special Education Daemen College, Amherst, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GPA: 3.9 in Major• Concentration: Spanish• Member of <i>Sigma Pi Epsilon Delta</i> Special Education Honorary	May 22, 2010
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<u>Franklin Towne Charter Elementary School</u> , Philadelphia, PA Special Education Teacher, Grades 7-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborated with ELA and math teachers to provide differentiated instruction to inclusion class• Conducted progress monitoring to assess students' academic and behavioral performance• Adapted curriculum to meet the academic needs of students taking alternative state assessments• Integrated REWARDS decoding program into weekly instruction for struggling readers• Engaged in regular dialogue with parents, administrators, and teachers to ensure student success• Updated students' IEPs, led IEP meetings, and communicated data to parents, including Transition plans	August 2013-present
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<u>South Buffalo Charter School</u> , Buffalo, NY K-6 Exploratory Spanish Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traveled weekly to classrooms to implement engaging thematic units on Spanish language and culture• Reinforced concepts taught in ELA and math to increase mastery of skills• Integrated formative and summative assessments to assess listening, speaking and writing abilities• Conducted parent-teacher conferences to discuss student progress and increase parent-teacher communication• Initiated the schools first annual celebration of "National Foreign Language Week" by incorporating foreign languages into morning announcements, a poster contest, and class-wide activities	August 2011- August 2012
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RELATED EMPLOYMENT

<u>Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes</u> , Clinician , Bryn Mawr, PA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implemented intensive research-based instruction in decoding and comprehension	June 2013-Aug. 2014
<u>Child Guidance Resource Center</u> , Therapeutic Support Staff , Wayne, PA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported individual with autism by implementing elements of structured teaching and ABA principles in the home and community settings	Dec. 2012- May 2015
<u>Camp Haccamo</u> , Assistant Director , Rush, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervised all staff by conducting informal and formal observations based on job descriptions• Responded to crisis situations to implement verbal, non-verbal and/or physical components of Strategies for Crisis Intervention and Prevention-Revised (SCIP-R)	June 2012- Aug. 2012

<u>People Inc.</u> , In-Home Behavior Technician , Amherst, NY	Aug. 2010- Dec. 2011
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoted positive behavior changes within a family of an adolescent with autism Implemented adolescent's specific individual support plan which included—collecting behavioral data, promoting independence, and incorporating sensory activities 	
<u>Daemen College Thomas Reynolds Center, Graduate Assistant, Amherst, NY</u>	Sep. 2010- July 2011
<u>Third and Fourth Grade After-School Classroom</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated research-based strategies to increase student achievement in mathematics, specifically in the areas of number sense and operation, geometry and measurement Actively participated in bi-weekly professional development with master teachers by completing hands-on activities, demonstrating specific strategies and receiving critiques Utilized SMART Board technologies to increase student engagement 	
<u>Autistic Services Inc., Direct Support Professional, Williamsville, NY</u>	Jan. 2010-Sep. 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoted a positive and safe atmosphere for individuals with autism by incorporating sensory activities and implementing verbal and non-verbal calming techniques 	
<u>Mary Cariola Children's Ctr., Child Habilitation Specialist, Fairport, NY</u>	May 2007- Jan. 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented residents' individual program plans through incorporating sensory activities, visual strategies and executing behavior intervention plans based on Strategies for Crisis Intervention and Prevention-Revised 	
<u>Camp Haccamo, Head Counselor/Cabin Head, Rush, NY</u>	Summers 2006-2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised a group of 10-12 individuals with disabilities ranging in age from 7 to 28 diagnosed with varying developmental disabilities while working as a team with others 	

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

<u>Cardboard Day</u> , Philadelphia, PA	May 2015
<u>Eighth Grade Formal Chaperone</u> , Philadelphia, PA	May 2014
<u>Halloween Dance Chaperone</u> , Philadelphia, PA	October 2013
<u>Family Literacy Night</u> , Buffalo, NY	March 19, 2012
<u>Fall Festival</u> , Buffalo, NY	October 24, 2011
<u>March of Dimes</u> , Buffalo, NY	April 24, 2010
<u>International Student Ambassador</u> , Buffalo, NY	Sept. 2009-May 2010
<u>Skating Athletes Bold At Heart Ice Show</u> , Buffalo, NY	March 28, 2010
<u>Special Olympics</u> , Cheektowaga, NY	Dec. 2009-Feb. 2010
<u>YALT Program at Daemen College</u> , Amherst, NY	October 2009
<u>Seneca Babcock Community Center</u> , Buffalo, NY	Sep. 2008-Dec. 2008
<u>Grover Cleveland High School</u> , Buffalo, NY	Jan. 2007-Dec. 2008

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PSSA Literacy Training with Susan Ostrich	October 2015
Minding Your Mind "Just Talk About It" Mental Health presentation	May 2015
Understanding By Design Training	January 2015
"How ADHD Affects Executive Function" webinar	November 2014
Council for Exceptional Children member	September 2014
Tim Academy's Structured Teaching Level 1	June 24- 28 2013
NECTFL Webinar for New Teachers	February 2012
NYS AFLT Webinar- "7 Strategies that Help Keep You in the Target Language"	February 2012
Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day	May 2011
SmartBoard and RAVE-O Training	September 2010
Scott Foresman's <i>Reading Street/My Sidewalks</i> Training	Sep. '10, March '11
92 nd Annual NYSAFLT Conference, Buffalo, NY	October 2009