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Certification

Pennsylvania Instructional I, English 7-12 (certification pending)

Education

B.A. in English with Secondary Education (May 2017)

Grove City College | Grove City, PA

Overall GPA: 3.62/4.00 | English Major GPA: 3.27/4.00 | Education Major GPA: 3.97/4.00

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*, Dean's List with High Distinction (Fall 2015, 2016, Spring 2017), Dean's List with Distinction (Fall 2014, Spring 2016), Dean's List (Spring 2015), Kappa Delta Pi

Teaching Experience

Student Teaching / New Castle, PA

Spring 2017

Shenango High School / 7th and 9th grades, Writing and Composition

- Employed numerous teaching methods to reach diverse learning styles while taking care to differentiate in content, process, and product
- Planned engaging, unique lessons while adhering to the Pennsylvania and Common Core Standards
- Displayed sensitivity and attention to detail while making appropriate accommodations for multiple students with IEPs
- Incorporated technologies such as Kahoot, Prezi, Google Drive, and Turnitin.com to enhance instruction and class procedures
- Utilized various assessment strategies, both formative and summative, to measure both individual and corporate learning
- Developed effective procedures for maintaining order and enforcing rules for behavior in classes ranging from 6 to 30 students
- Enjoyed building relationships with individual students and attending their extracurricular activities such as sports games, musicals, and concerts

"Shakesfear" Workshop / Grove City, PA

December 2016

Grove City College / 9th and 12th grades

- Helped plan and organize a workshop with the primary goal of engaging high school students in the study and performance of Shakespeare's plays
- Created and team taught a lesson on the importance of body language, facial expression, and voice inflection in Shakespeare's most-performed plays

Poetry Writing Workshop / Grove City, PA

October 2016

George Junior Republic School / 9th and 12th grades

- Assisted in creating a workshop designed to provide students with tangible skills for poetry writing and inspire them to craft their own poems
- Demonstrated empathy and consideration for diverse students who experienced difficult situations by providing a poem template that gave the students ownership and the ability to express themselves

Literature Field Experience / Grove City, PA

Spring 2016

Grove City Middle School / 8th grade

- Team taught a Grade 8 Literature unit while demonstrating fairness, respect, and active listening
- Implemented Wiggins and McTighe's "Understanding By Design" to foster insightful planning, critical thinking, and transfer of knowledge in a 10-day unit on the novel *The Pigman*
- Analyzed student performance and employed effective re-teaching strategies such as guided reading, guided notes, and working with small groups

Literature Field Experience / Grove City, PA

April 2015

Hillview Elementary School / Upper-level 5th grade

- Varied teaching strategies and class activities to address many of the multiple intelligences, including visual-spatial, inter/intrapersonal, linguistic, and logical
- Utilized instructional strategies that promote small-group collaboration and cooperative learning

Classroom Observations / Multiple Locations / 7-12th grades

Fall 2013-Spring 2016

- Participated in teaching activities at George Junior Republic, Greensburg Central Catholic High School, Norwin Middle School, Penn Trafford High School, Grove City School District, and East Allegheny High School with work including but not limited to special needs and culturally diverse students

Vacation Bible School Teacher / Harrison City, PA

Summers, 2008-Present

- Exemplified passion for teaching children of all ages while promoting creativity and cooperation amongst students

Work Experience

Writing Tutor / Grove City, PA

September 2016-May 2017

Grove City College Writing Center

- Enthusiastically tutored individual students of all writing levels on specific skills including syntax, organization, and grammar
- Demonstrated sensitivity to cultural differences in students by working effectively with ESL students

Student Ambassador / Grove City, PA

March 2015-December 2016

Grove City College Admissions Office

- Exhibited enthusiasm and professionalism to prospective students while giving campus tours
- Communicated in a clear, concise manner while engaging listeners and answering questions

Office Assistant / Greensburg, PA

Summers, 2010-2016

Barry L. Bupp, Pediatric Dentistry

- Performed secretarial duties while interacting with patients and their parents

Leadership Experience

Director of Vacation Bible School / Harrison City, PA

Summer 2016

New Life Presbyterian Church

- Effectively planned and directed a week-long program while exemplifying supreme leadership skills, creativity, and attention to detail
- Collaborated with teachers and church members while leading meetings, delegating tasks, distributing information, and helping with various tasks as needed

Activity Coordinator / Grove City, PA

Spring 2014-Fall 2016

Grove City College Orientation Board

- Created and directed a skit performed by Orientation Board members during an annual show
- Pioneered a new position as head of publicity while creating effective advertisements for events
- Coordinated Orientation Board's social media outlets to improve communication while demonstrating competence in various technologies

Activities

- Grove City College Theatre Department
- Secondary Education Society
- Fellowship of Christian Educators