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## **EDUCATION**

Masters in Reading Education  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Indiana Area School District Extended 4 week Substitute Teacher**

- Provide hands on and sensory instruction to a life skills student

### **Evergreen Boys and Girls Club, Homer-Center School District**

- Provide homework help, classroom enrichment, social skills and physical fitness for students

### **Ivy International Education Group**

- Provide tutoring services utilizing ESL techniques for International students
- Pre and Post Assessments given for progress monitoring and success

### **Community College of Allegheny County Instructor**

- Instruct college students in undergraduate coursework
- Utilize literature circles and journaling throughout the semester

### **Ben Franklin Elementary School, Indiana Area School District**

#### **After-School-Math Coordinator/Instructor**

- Provide whole group math instruction, small group reinforcement in rotation learning centers
- Independent tutoring of math concepts raising student interest and assists in making progress with math goals

### **Indiana County New Story Mental Health Worker**

- Provide therapy for autistic students with emotional and behavioral disturbances
- Utilize redirection and reinforcements to reach desired goal

### **The ARC of Indiana County/Temple University Volunteer**

#### **Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q)**

- Quality monitor for adults with disabilities who reside in Armstrong/Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania

### **Indiana Area School District Long-Term Substitute Teacher**

#### **Indiana Area Senior High School Learning Support Reading**

- Provide support to students with reading literature
- Promote active learning and involvement in literature circle discussions and projects to assess reading goals

### **Indiana Area School District Substitute K-12 Teacher**

- K-12 (all subject areas) Including Learning Support & Life Skills
- Utilize following instructional tools: Guided Reading, SRA Corrective Reading, 4 Sight, NWEA, PSSA Practice, Response to Intervention, Read Naturally, Olweus Training, Crisis Prevention, Neat Sites, Prentice Hall Curriculum Workshop Training, IRA Fluency Training, Promethean Board Training, What Works with ESL student
- PSSA Proctoring at Junior High School

### **Penn-Trafford School District Long-Term Substitute Reading Specialist**

- Utilize following instructional tools: Dibels, Guided Reading, 4 Sight Testing, PSSA Practice, Basal readers
- Document all Title I records for reading and math for the entire school year
- Raise student participation and achievement through pull-out of small groups of students
- Accelerate reading progress through various reading skills and strategies

**Greater Latrobe School District Fast Start Summer Instructor**

- Teach students reading and writing at the Kindergarten level

**Purchase Line School District School-wide Reading & Math Specialist**

- Student levels included: K-6 regular, Title I, and Learning Support students Reading, Writing, and Math Support (200+ students on needs list)
- Utilize following instructional aids: SRA Corrective Reading, Four Square Writing, Guided Reading, Basal Readers, Dibels, Best Practices in Mathematics for the Struggling Learner, Letter People, Starfall, Compass Learning/Compass Learning Odyssey, Reading Matters, PSSA Practice
- Other responsibilities include: District Newsletter, PTA Newsletter, Title I Newsletter, Parent Game Nights, After School Tutor, Guided Reading Trainer for Primary Grades, Pulled district out of Warning Status, above and beyond AYP for Reading and Math PSSA scores

**Armstrong School District Title I Reading Specialist and Extended Day Kindergarten Teacher**

- Student levels included: Title I students K-6 and Inclusion, Title I Kindergarten Summer School
- Other responsibilities include: Accelerated Reader, 5-Day District Title I Reading Plan, Journal Writing, Mother Daughter Tea, Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

**McKeever Environmental Learning Center,  
Slippery Rock University Faculty Member of Environmental Education**

- Taught student teachers environmental education program implemented for the districts who participate in the Earth Keeper Program

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

**Verizon Operator**

Pittsburgh, PA

- Provide quality customer service to 1,000 customer calls per day

**Bell Atlantic / Verizon Customer Service Clerk**

Greensburg, PA

- Trained to operate every office position within the company
- Provide assistance on accounts, billing and access to service for residential and business customers

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania Graduate Assistant**

Indiana, PA

- Earned Who's Who among American College & University Students
- Supervise student teachers
- Instruct undergraduate students and conduct research and reports for IUP faculty

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania Receptionist & Tutor  
Learning / Tutorial Center**

Indiana, PA

- Scheduled university tutorial appointments for students and athletes
- Maintained attendance records on athletes
- Provided support for tutors and students through phone calls and electronic record keeping

**HONORS and CERTIFICATIONS**

Who's Who among American College and University Students  
IUP Outstanding Student Teacher of the Year Award  
Presenter at Keystone State Reading Association Conferences  
Reading Specialist Certification  
Middle School English Certification  
Gifted Education Certification  
Elementary Education Certification  
Pennsylvania State Instructional II Permanent Certification  
Management and Human Resources Certificates

### **ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Indiana Area School District Track Timer for Junior and Senior High  
Indiana School District After-School-Math Instructor  
St. Vincent de Paul Society Weekly Volunteer  
ARC of Indiana County Quality Monitor for Adults with Disabilities  
St. Emma's of Greensburg Flea Market Volunteer  
St. Thomas More Parish Volunteer Greeter  
St. Thomas More Parish Book Sale and Monthly Book Sorts Volunteer  
St. Thomas More Parish Decorating Committee  
Alliance for Business & Education Leadership  
Reading Specialist Tutor  
Parent Teacher Association / Organization  
Indiana Area Junior High School  
Volunteer Chaperone for Monthly Dances  
Indiana County Reading Council Membership Chair,  
Books to Babies Committee, Volunteer for Back to School Bash Book Drive  
& Literacy Day  
Armstrong County Reading Council  
Keystone State Reading Association  
Volunteer for Registration & Presenter at Conferences  
Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association  
Volunteer for Registration at Conferences  
IUP Alumni Association, Volunteer for Crimson Huddles and Homecomings  
Indiana Garden Club, Volunteer for May Mart, Scholarships and Awards, Hospitality,  
Flower Arranging and Youth Gardening Committees  
YMCA of Indiana County Volunteer for Healthy Kids Day  
Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity

### **TRAINING**

Up- to-date with various teacher trainings for ACT 48 credit including:  
What Works for ESL students, Dibels Next, Literacy Technology Tools,  
Differentiating Instruction, Quality Vocabulary, Using the Smart Board for  
Literacy, RTII and How it is Driving Instruction, Culturally Responsive Instruction,  
Olweus Training, School Performance Conference, Emergency Disaster  
Shooter Training, CPR and Crisis Prevention Intervention Training, Four Square Writing,  
Effective Learning Centers, The Special Education and Regular Classroom Education  
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