

# Megan Derry

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## **Education**

*Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA*

**May 2014**

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education PreK-4

Minor in Exceptionalities; GPA 3.62; Dean's List recipient

## **Student Teaching**

**Broad Street Elementary School, Butler, Pa**

**January 2014-May 2014**

**Grade 3**

- Taught students from low socioeconomic backgrounds
- Used physical activities in morning meeting to help with students attention
- Participated in after school tutoring program, helping students to complete homework
- Worked with fellow student teachers to create a family night to get parents involved in students academics
- Created relationship with each child to better understand their way of learning
- Broadened students understanding of the world around them
- Worked with the school to get funding through Box Tops for Education

## **Field Experiences**

**Broad Street Elementary School, Butler, PA**

**October 2013-December 2013**

**Grade 3**

- Observed 17, third grade, students in a low socioeconomic school
- Prepared a read aloud activity for students to use their creativity in designing a disguise for their Thanksgiving turkey
- Gained insight of teaching from being in a classroom for a full school day for 12 days

**Moraine Elementary School, Prospect, PA**

**February 2013-April 2013**

**Grade 3**

- Designed and implemented a "Read-a-Loud" reading lesson to 16 students
- Planned and co-taught a math lesson on probability to 17 students
- Observed teacher and 20 students for 8 days for 4 hours a day

**Mohawk Elementary School, New Castle, PA**

**Spring 2012**

**Grade 1**

- Observed a professional teacher for 15 hours to gain knowledge of teaching strategies in diverse settings

**Croton Pre-K Counts, New Castle, PA**

**Spring 2012**

**Grade Pre-K**

- Collaborated with professional teacher in individually working with students to complete assignments for the spring assembly

**Pittsburgh Head Start, Pittsburgh, PA**

**Spring 2012**

**Grade Pre-School**

- Provided an opportunity for quality care to underprivileged children ages 3-4

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## **Employment Experience**

**Office of Career Education and Development, Slippery Rock, PA**

**January 2012 -November 2013**

### **Student Assistant**

- Managed the office's front desk and phone as well as worked directly with students, faculty, alumni, and employers
- Communicated with students to schedule appointments and provide relevant career resources
- Demonstrated organizational skills by utilizing a variety of technology to maintain daily schedule, update College Central Network, and assist student visitors

**East Suburban YMCA, Pittsburgh, PA**

**October 2010-June 2011**

### **Assistant Group Supervisor**

- Provided up to 3 hours of after-school care to 30, K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students to ensure their safety and well-being until parent pick-up
- Assisted with homework, served snack, created bulletin boards, and organized group games

## **Campus Involvement**

### **Saturday Showcase**

**Fall 2013-Spring 2014**

- Presented with professors, to perspective students and parents about the Early Childhood Education program at Slippery Rock University
- Gave parents a better understanding of what to expect if choosing Slippery Rock University

### **Study Abroad: Italy**

**March 2014**

- Visited the Reggio Emilia Center to learn the teaching approach inspired by Loris Malaguzzi
- Worked with students at the International School In Florence

### **Responsive Classroom Workshop**

**Fall 2013**

- Attended a six week workshop learning how to create community in a classroom
- Worked with fellow students to learn how to integrate morning meeting into a classroom

### **National Science Teacher Association Student Chapter**

**Fall 2013-Spring 2014**

- Participated in club activities
- Created science lesson and experiments to correspond with children's literature
- Attended Pennsylvania's Science Teacher Association Conference in Penn State
- Presented science experiment in front of other professionals in the science education field

### **Early Childhood Club**

**Fall 2011-Spring 2014**

- Served as Historian since spring 2012
- Coordinated box-top collection program in which \$800 was donated to elementary schools
- Maintained social media and scrapbook
- Collaborated with executive board to plan meetings and events

### **Relay for Life**

**Spring 2012-Spring 2014**

- Served as Team Captain by recruiting members and raising donations

### **Up 'Til 2 for St. Jude**

**Fall 2011 & Fall 2012**

- Made themed decorations to energize the event for childhood cancer research