

# Jillian Dittbrenner

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**Objective:** To build a long-term career as an educator in an elementary school where I can apply my educational training and experience, leadership skills, and dedication.

## Education

**West Chester University of Pennsylvania**, West Chester, PA  
M.Ed. in Reading with preparation for Reading Specialist Certification  
In Process, **GPA 4.0**

**West Chester University of Pennsylvania**, West Chester, PA  
Bachelor of Science in Education, May 18, 2013, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Major: Early Grades Preparation (PreK-4)  
**GPA 3.95 Dean's List: every semester of enrollment (8 semesters)**

**Padua Academy**, Wilmington, DE  
High School Diploma, May 28, 2009

## Certification

Pennsylvania Teaching Certification, Instructional I, Grades PreK-4, June 1, 2013

## Experience

**Delaware County Intermediate Unit**, Morton, PA

Head Start Instructor, August 2013 - present

- Planned developmentally appropriate learning experiences using the Creative Curriculum.
- Facilitated preschool students' learning to improve their academic success and prepare them to transition to elementary school.
- Differentiated lessons to address individualized learning styles and developmental levels.
- Administered developmental testing programs (ASQ and ASQ:SE), subject specific assessments, Work Sampling System, and GOLD assessment.
- Communicated with parents and/or legal guardians student progress for the purpose of communicating expectations and student's achievements; developing methods for improvement and reinforcing classroom goals in the home environment.
- Collaborated with instructional staff, other school personnel, parents and a variety of community resources for the purpose of improving the overall quality of student outcomes.
- Implemented SPARC parent education program to encourage parent involvement.
- Managed student behavior to provide a safe and optimal learning environment.
- Collaborated with Early Intervention staff in implementing student IEPs.
- Completed a Pennsylvania State Induction Plan, May 2014.
- Received three Distinguished ratings on the GSAP teacher evaluation.

**Linwood Elementary School**, Linwood, PA

Student Teacher, January - May 2013

- Worked side-by-side with a veteran teacher to plan and implement lessons for a class of 24 Kindergartners.
- Taught in whole group, small group, and one-on-one settings.

- Implemented Response to Intervention Instruction (RTII).
- Differentiated math and literacy centers for learners of all levels.
- Utilized SMARTBoard and iPad technology in teaching and planning.
- Developed a positive and appropriate rapport with school staff and students.

**Double D Gymnastics Inc.,** Media, PA

Roller/Super Roller Instructor June 2006 - August 2013

- Differentiated gymnastics instruction for groups of 5-8 children while working side-by-side with other teachers.
- Implemented lesson plans in a time sensitive manner.
- Worked as a day time camp counselor in the summers to organize and lead groups of up to 40 preschoolers and 4-6 instructors.
- Interacted with students' parents to discuss their child's triumphs and challenges.

**West Chester Area Day Care Center,** West Chester, PA

Assistant Group Supervisor, May 2011-January 2013

- Managed behavior of children from ages 3 months-12 years.
- Led learning experience across ages and curriculum.

**Sharon Hill Elementary School,** Sharon Hill, PA

Field Experience, September - December 2012

- Worked with second grade students in whole group, small group, and one-on-one settings.
- Planned and implemented lessons on a variety of literacy topics.
- Found reading and spelling level of a student using the QRI-5.

**Skills & Certifications:**

- Microsoft, SMARTBoard, and Macintosh programs.
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum and GOLD Assessment System
- Pediatric First Aid & CPR, American Academy of Pediatrics, October 2016
- Adult, Child, and Infant C.A.R.E. CPR/AED, American CPR Training, November 2015
- Taken 9 college-level credits in Spanish language courses and worked in settings with Spanish speaking children.

**Leadership:**

**President,** Students Outreach to Urban Schools, June 2011 - May 2012

- Organized and lead ~50 members in planning and implementing outreach programs.
- Supervised service projects including participating in Even Start tutoring, community clean up days, and mentoring inter-city children.

**Acknowledgements:**

- Member, Pi Lambda Theta, National Honor Society of Educators, 2010-present
- Member, Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, 2012-2013
- Perfect Attendance, DCIU Head Start, 2013-2014 School Year