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Education

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

Master of Fine Arts in Fine Art, May 2013

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art, Concentration: Painting and Drawing, May 2010

Honors: Dean's List, Freshman Foundations Art Award, Junior Art Achievement Award

Virginia PreK-12 Art Teaching Certificate, July 2011

Pennsylvania K-12 Art Teaching Certificate, July 2013

Employment

Explore and Express Teacher, West Oak Lane Charter School, Philadelphia, PA

September 2013-Present

- Create a progressive curriculum for a new course with the purpose of providing a creative outlet for K-8th grade students through various art forms including but not limited to visual art, music, poetry, and creative writing
- Prepare lesson plans, instruct classes, and assess student achievement for 38 K-8th grade class sections
- Develop thematic lessons and assignments that are developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant, and encourage use of motor and cognitive skills
- Maintain professional contact and collaboration with parents, administrators and staff

Art Specialist, Assistant Leader, City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation, Fairfax, VA

June 2010-August 2013

- Planned and taught age appropriate art lessons to students ages 3-13 at four different day camp locations
- Led camp staff in assisting with art lessons for groups of up to 50 children
- Ordered art supplies on a budget for 400 students

June 2009-August 2009

- Facilitated games and a variety of activities while providing a safe, disciplined environment for children as a camp counselor

Teacher, PAFA After School Studio Arts Program, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

January-December 2012

- Co-instructed college level still life oil painting and foundations drawing courses for 9th-12th grade students
- Provided individual technical instruction as well as group demonstrations on materials and techniques for students

Substitute Teacher, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax County, VA, Harrisonburg City Public Schools, Harrisonburg, VA

May 2011-January 2012

April-December 2010

- Administered established lesson plans for a variety of Pre-K through 12th grade classrooms in multiple Title I schools

Arts and Crafts Specialist, Capital Camps and Retreat Center, Waynesboro, PA

June-August 2008

- Served as a camp counselor at sleep-away camp for 8th and 9th graders and teens with mental and physical disabilities
- Assisted in instructing a variety of arts and crafts activities for 3rd-7th graders
- Planned and instructed drawing activities for 8th-10th graders

Other Related Experience

Student Teacher, Navy Elementary School, Fairfax, VA

January-March 2011

- Prepared lesson plans and instructed classes for K-6th grade and adaptive art for students with disabilities
- Developed thematic lessons and assignments that were developmentally appropriate and encouraged use of motor and cognitive skills

Student Teacher, South Lakes High School, Reston, VA

March-May 2011

- Prepared lesson plans and instructed classes for Art 1, Art 2-3, and Computer Graphics
- Assisted IB Art students in art related research, development of art skills, and the construction of IB portfolios
- Developed lessons and assignments that were developmentally appropriate and relevant to visual culture

Practicum Student, Thomas Harrison Middle School, Harrisonburg, VA

January-April 2010

- Observed and assisted with student activities in an 8th grade Home Sciences class
- Developed and taught a lesson plan integrating fine art and culinary arts

Practicum Student, Turner Ashby High School, Harrisonburg, VA

September-December 2009

- Assisted students with completing classroom assignments in Art 1 and Advanced Art
- Co-developed and implemented an Art 1 unit in which students made drawings to create a collaborative image

Practicum Student, Skyline Middle School, Harrisonburg, VA

September-December 2008

- Observed and administered established lesson plans for 5th Grade Art
- Co-developed and taught a drawing lesson based on verbal communication between student partners

Studio Art Skills

- Painting, Drawing, Ceramics, Textiles, Printmaking, Sculpture

Computer Skills

- Microsoft Word Processor, Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop CS5