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To obtain a position in education where I can work with children to raise their self-esteem, to empower them to become successful, and to influence them to make good choices. I want to generate a positive educational environment, which will motivate kids to learn.

During my years as a Special Education Instructor, I encouraged students not to use their label as an excuse, and I taught them to be accountable and responsible for their actions. I worked to be consistent, and to be a strong and positive role model to each of them, to instill self-esteem, to build trust, and to provide them with the best education possible. I learned the importance of challenging every student to empower themselves to reach their potential.

9/03 - Present	<p>Philadelphia School District – Special Education Teacher – middle school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion teacher • Learning support – self contained (literacy, history and geography • Itinerant learning support teacher • MDS teacher • ED teacher
9/81 – 9-03	<p>Valley Day School, Morrisville, PA <i>Special Education Teacher</i></p> <p>Taught all subjects to students in grades K-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote Individual Educational Programs and Behavior Functional Analyses annually for each student • Served as the sole member of seasonal Fundraising Committee • Certified member of Student Assistance Program (SAP), a program for at-risk children • Provided students with hands-on training in functional living skills • Was instrumental in developing the School Yearbook and raised funds to support it • Was responsible for producing 10 proms • Developed programs for students to build strong self-esteem and to reinforce positive behavior • Licensed for Food Service in the State of Pennsylvania • Served on various committees throughout my tenure • Ran the school store and was responsible for record keeping <p>Delta School, Philadelphia, PA <i>Emotionally Disturbed Secondary Education GED Instructor</i></p> <p>Taught the GED Program</p>
1/81 – 6/81	

Millersville University, Millersville, PA
BS, Handicapped and Special Education, Graduated 12/80
GPA: 3.0

Millersville University, Millersville, PA
Certificate, Instructional II for the Mentally and Physically Handicapped,
Received 1987

Cabrini College – Masters in Education (GPA: 4.0) 2011

Various other classes and in-service classes

Millersville University, Millersville, PA
Resident Assistant
Camp Sun Mountain, Shawnee-On-The Delaware, PA
Supervisor at Residential Overnight Camp for MHMR Kids
Jewish Community Center, Ewing, NJ
Unit Director for about 150 children in grades 4, 5, 6 and supervised about 20 employees