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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a full-time Special Education teaching position that allows me to pursue my dream of educating students and utilize my skill of classroom management and implementing individualized education plans.

EDUCATION

West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania
Bachelors of Science in Education December 2011
Major: Special Education Minor: Elementary Mathematics
GPA: 3.686

CERTIFICATION

Certified in Special Education in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and North Carolina
Certified in Middle Level Mathematics in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and North Carolina
Certified in Elementary K-6 in the state of New Jersey

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Professional

Lumberton Junior High School- 7th & 8th grade Special Education Math teacher, Lumberton NC
October 2012-June 2013

- Implemented and wrote IEP's for 20+ students in 7th and 8th grade.
- Prepared and instructed lessons aligned to the common core state standards.
- Promoted and maintained communication with parents, staff and students.
- Created a positive and safe environment for all students and learning styles.
- Acted as the Exceptional Children Chair Person- February 2013-June 2013

Student Teaching

Downingtown Middle School- 8th grade Learning Support, Downingtown PA
August 29th- October 21st 2011

- Completed a Reevaluation Report and an Individualized Education Plan for one student.
- Fully responsible for 30+ students with IEP's from September to October
 - Taught 26 students for curriculum support in Mathematics
 - Taught 20 students for curriculum support in Organization
 - Taught 11 students in social dynamics

East Ward Elementary-Learning Support, Downingtown PA
October 25th- December 15th 2011

- Fully responsible for 15+ students with IEP's from November to December.
 - Taught 2nd Grade Language Arts and Mathematics.
 - Taught 4th Grade Language Arts.

Field Experiences

Downingtown Middle School, Downingtown PA- Life Skills, January- May 2011

- Observed a life skills class consisting of 8 students in 6th through 8th grade
- Assisted cooperating teacher with small group instruction

Deveraux Cares-Downingtown PA- Autistic Support, January- May 2010

- Observed an Autistic support class consisting of 4 students ages 11-14 years old
- Assisted cooperating teacher with community based instruction and small group instruction

Tutoring- Downingtown Middle School, Downingtown PA, September- December 2010

- Tutored five 7th grade students in basic math skills including solving word problems, solving equations with variables and basic computation skills.
- Prepared students for PSSA testing

Respite Care Provider- Downingtown, PA, January- May 2010

- Offered 14 hours of relief for a family with a 5 year old son who is diagnosed with Autism
- Provided the child with the opportunity to practice social skills

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Substitute Teacher- Council Rock School District, Newtown PA,
February 2012-Present

- Instructed students with provided lessons and maintained safety in the classroom.

ESY Teacher Assistant- Bucks County Intermediate Unit, Newtown PA, June- August 2011-
2013

- One on One teacher assistant to a 16 year old boy who is deaf
- Supported him by using basic sign language.

1:1 Assistant- Carousel Farms, Ivyland PA June- August 2010

- One on One teacher assistant to a 15 year old boy.
- Assisted him with toileting, dressing, camp activities and social interactions

Child Care- Westtown Children's Academy, West Chester PA, September 2008- May
2011

- Caring for children 7 weeks to 7 years old. Ensuring they are in a safe and fun environment for learning and developing.
- Assisting school age students with homework.

ACTIVITIES

Member of Council for Exceptional Children, West Chester University 2011
Member of Elementary Mathematics Organization, West Chester University 2008-2011

HONORS

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, West Chester University
Member of Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society 2008-2011
Dean's List- Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011