

# Rachael Mariana McInturff

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**Objective:** Teach elementary school children using the most effective and research-based teaching strategies.

## Education

Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA  
B.S. Elementary Education (Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Graduation: December 2012  
GPA: 3.920

### Academic Achievements:

- Board of Governor's Scholarship for Academic Achievement
- College of Education Faculty Excellence Award
- Runner-Up for College of Education Dean's Award
- Dean's List designation each semester
- Member of National Educational Honors Fraternity and Kutztown University Honors Program

## Student Teaching

**Shoemaker & Freemansburg Elementary: Clinical Experience, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades** **Aug. - Dec. 2012**

- Taught wide variety of subject areas including Math, Science, Reading, Language Arts, and Social Studies
- Participated in faculty meetings, in-service days, and parent/teacher conferences
- Attended various after school activities, such as Back to School Night and Lights on After School Program
- Adapted teaching approach to connect with students from diverse cultural and intellectual backgrounds
- Worked a flexible schedule, often putting in additional hours to assist in preparing for the following day
- Received very positive feedback from cooperating teacher, including "Her future colleagues and students will benefit greatly from her collaborative skills, reflective nature, and dedication to excellence."

**Shiloh Hills Elementary: Professional Semester Student, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** **Mar. - May 2012**

- Effectively integrated multiple subject areas within individual lessons
- Encouraged interactive learning through use of SMARTboard technology and classroom computers
- Completed most teaching assignments without assistance, but recognized when to ask for guidance

## Relevant Work Experience

**Nazareth Area Daycare: Nursery School Teacher (Ages 4-5)** **Jan. 2014 - Present**

- Work with three assistant teachers to design curriculum and organize daily activities
- Use songs and musical instruments to help introduce and reinforce new concepts
- Incorporate holiday themes, as well as current and historical events, into lessons

**Lehigh Valley Children's Center: Head Preschool Teacher (Ages 3-4)** **Jan. 2013 - Jan. 2014**

- Assumed responsibilities of center director in their absence, and selected to mentor new employees
- Independently planned, organized, and led parent/teacher conferences
- Recorded observations, completed formal assessments, and developed lesson plans aligned with PA standards, while simultaneously supervising approximately 20 children
- Identified and implemented strategies to improve pre-established learning environment, by re-organizing classroom setup and designing academic activities based on children's unique interests
- Communicated regularly with parents to discuss sensitive issues pertaining to child's development and areas for improvement, and to diffuse tensions among parents arising from conflicts between their children
- Recommended early intervention services for a child displaying disruptive behavior, and coordinated with director and parents to secure a behavioral specialist, going beyond basic responsibility of alerting supervisor of problem

**Lehigh Valley Children's Center: Assistant School Age Teacher (Grades K-5)** **May - Aug. 2012**

**River of God Child Care Center: Assistant Pre-K Teacher (Ages 4-5)** **June 2011 - May 2012**

## Campus Activities

Attended monthly meetings held by the National Association for the Education of Young Children  
Attended Keystone State Reading Association Seminar  
Secretary of KU Dixon Hall Council  
Member of the KU Honors Program Academics Committee and Resource Committee

## Other Employment History

Costco Wholesale: Front End Assistant  
Weis Markets: Cashier

May 2010 - June 2011  
June 2009 - May 2010