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**OBJECTIVE:** To obtain a position as a Computer Technology Teacher at Laboratory Charter School.

**EDUCATION:** The Pennsylvania State University  
Bachelor of Science in Childhood and Early Adolescent Education: Social Studies  
Concentration  
Minor: Special Education  
Graduation: May 2014  
GPA for Major: 3.63/4.00

**CERTIFICATION:** Grades 4-8 Social Studies Education  
Grades 4-8 Science Education (pending)

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

### Professional Development School (PDS) Intern

Student teaching placement, sixth grade multiple-subject, seventh and eighth grade Social Studies; Park Forest Middle School; State College Area School District

Chosen to participate in the first cohort of teacher candidates in Penn State University's Middle Level Education majors to partake in a collaborative two-semester, full-time middle school student teaching internship at two grade levels. Yearlong experiences in a sixth grade setting as well as seventh and eighth grade social studies in the State College Area School District (PA). The internship was associated with a nationally recognized program that received the 2002 Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award from the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE); the 2004 Holmes Partnership Award for the best partnership between a university and a school district; the 2009 National Association of Professional Development (NAPDS) Award for Exemplary Professional Development School Achievement and The Spirit of Partnership Award from the National Professional Development Conference in 2011.

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### **Student Teaching (PDS Internship)**

**August 2013-May 2014**

- Planned and implemented lessons for 24 sixth grade students, 50 seventh grade students, and 85 eighth grade students
  - Differentiated instruction to accommodate students' needs.
  - Taught lessons aligned with State and National Standards.
  - Taught Reading and Language Arts through a system of mini lessons, read aloud, journaling, and reading groups.
  - Adapted and taught science lessons from the district's unit on Matter and Molecules through inquiry and experiments with an emphasis on student questioning and explanation.
  - Taught Social Studies through district thematic units.
  - Co-taught remedial Math through the Connected Math program, emphasizing individualized strategies to help students learn basic skills and form conceptual understandings aligned to the PA Core Standards.
- Used a variety of formative and summative assessments to inform planning and instruction.
- Communicated with parents through emails and student-led conferences.

- Conducted an inquiry into underperforming students, presented at the Annual Professional Development School Inquiry Conference, May 2014.
- Taught, collaborated, and planned with a team of six sixth grade teachers, and a team of seventh and eighth grade teachers.
- Attended department and faculty meetings, Reading Apprenticeship training, in- service training, and unit planning workshops.
- Implemented Reading Apprenticeship into Social Studies and Literacy lessons.
- Fostered relationships between school and college community.

#### **RELATED EXPERIENCES:**

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Camp Counselor, Pennsylvania State University, Abington PA *June 2013 - August 2013*

- Supervised week-long academic summer camp classes

Camp Counselor, Tall Pines Day Camp, Sicklerville NJ *June 2009 - August 2010*

- Supervised a bunk of 15 girls, ages 9-10

Volunteer Supervisor, Valley Youth Center, Huntingdon Valley PA *September 2006-May 2010*

- Organized volunteers for each week, supervised attendance
- Supervised 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at a community center every Friday of the school year

#### **HONORS:**

Dean's List

- Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Summer 2013 through Spring 2014

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

College of Education Student Council- Treasurer *October 2012 – May 2014*

- Aided in the start-up of a new council within the College of Education
- Helped create the constitution for the council
- Created an account through Penn State for the council to deposit funds into

Penn State IFC/Pan-Hellenic Dance Marathon (THON) *October 2010 - February 2014*

- Committee member for the largest student run philanthropy in the world; four consecutive years

#### **REFERENCES**

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