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EDUCATION

Masters in Reading Education
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Indiana Area School District Extended 4 week Substitute Teacher

- Provide hands on and sensory instruction to a life skills student

Evergreen Boys and Girls Club, Homer-Center School District

- Provide homework help, classroom enrichment, social skills and physical fitness for students

Ivy International Education Group

- Provide tutoring services utilizing ESL techniques for International students
- Pre and Post Assessments given for progress monitoring and success

Community College of Allegheny County Instructor and Learning Center Tutor

- Instruct college students in undergraduate coursework
- Utilize literature circles and journaling throughout the semester

Ben Franklin Elementary School, Indiana Area School District

After-School-Math Coordinator/Instructor

- Provide whole group math instruction, small group reinforcement in rotation learning centers
- Independent tutoring of math concepts raising student interest and assists in making progress with math goals

Indiana County New Story Mental Health Worker

- Provide therapy for autistic students with emotional and behavioral disturbances
- Utilize redirection and reinforcements to reach desired goal

The ARC of Indiana County/Temple University Volunteer

Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q)

- Quality monitor for adults with disabilities who reside in Armstrong/Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania

Indiana Area School District Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Indiana Area Senior High School Learning Support Reading

- Provide support to students with reading literature
- Promote active learning and involvement in literature circle discussions and projects to assess reading goals

Indiana Area School District Substitute K-12 Teacher

- K-12 (all subject areas) Including Learning Support & Life Skills
- Utilize following instructional tools: Guided Reading, SRA Corrective Reading, 4 Sight, NWEA, PSSA Practice, Response to Intervention, Read Naturally, Olweus Training, Crisis Prevention, Neat Sites, Prentice Hall Curriculum Workshop Training, IRA Fluency Training, Promethean Board Training, What Works with ESL student
- PSSA Proctoring at Junior High School

Penn-Trafford School District Long-Term Substitute Reading Specialist

- Utilize following instructional tools: Dibels, Guided Reading, 4 Sight Testing, PSSA Practice, Basal readers
- Document all Title I records for reading and math for the entire school year
- Raise student participation and achievement through pull-out of small groups of students
- Accelerate reading progress through various reading skills and strategies

Greater Latrobe School District Fast Start Summer Instructor

- Teach students reading and writing at the Kindergarten level

Purchase Line School District School-wide Reading & Math Specialist

- Student levels included: K-6 regular, Title I, and Learning Support students Reading, Writing, and Math Support (200+ students on needs list)
- Utilize following instructional aids: SRA Corrective Reading, Four Square Writing, Guided Reading, Basal Readers, Dibels, Best Practices in Mathematics for the Struggling Learner, Letter People, Starfall, Compass Learning/Compass Learning Odyssey, Reading Matters, PSSA Practice
- Other responsibilities include: District Newsletter, PTA Newsletter, Title I Newsletter, Parent Game Nights, After School Tutor, Guided Reading Trainer for Primary Grades, Pulled district out of Warning Status, above and beyond AYP for Reading and Math PSSA scores

Armstrong School District Title I Reading Specialist and Extended Day Kindergarten Teacher

- Student levels included: Title I students K-6 and Inclusion, Title I Kindergarten Summer School
- Other responsibilities include: Accelerated Reader, 5-Day District Title I Reading Plan, Journal Writing, Mother Daughter Tea, Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

**McKeever Environmental Learning Center,
Slippery Rock University Faculty Member of Environmental Education**

- Taught student teachers environmental education program implemented for the districts who participate in the Earth Keeper Program

OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Verizon Operator

Pittsburgh, PA

- Provide quality customer service to 1,000 customer calls per day

Bell Atlantic / Verizon Customer Service Clerk

Greensburg, PA

- Trained to operate every office position within the company
- Provide assistance on accounts, billing and access to service for residential and business customers

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Graduate Assistant

Indiana, PA

- Earned Who's Who among American College & University Students
- Supervise student teachers
- Instruct undergraduate students and conduct research and reports for IUP faculty

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania Receptionist & Tutor
Learning / Tutorial Center**

Indiana, PA

- Scheduled university tutorial appointments for students and athletes
- Maintained attendance records on athletes
- Provided support for tutors and students through phone calls and electronic record keeping

HONORS and CERTIFICATIONS

Who's Who among American College and University Students
IUP Outstanding Student Teacher of the Year Award
Presenter at Keystone State Reading Association Conferences
Reading Specialist Certification
Middle School English Certification
Gifted Education Certification
Elementary Education Certification
Pennsylvania State Instructional II Permanent Certification
Management and Human Resources Certificates

ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Indiana Area School District Track Timer for Junior and Senior High
Indiana School District After-School-Math Instructor
St. Vincent de Paul Society Weekly Volunteer
ARC of Indiana County Quality Monitor for Adults with Disabilities
St. Emma's of Greensburg Flea Market Volunteer
St. Thomas More Parish Volunteer Greeter
St. Thomas More Parish Book Sale and Monthly Book Sorts Volunteer
St. Thomas More Parish Decorating Committee
Alliance for Business & Education Leadership
Reading Specialist Tutor
Parent Teacher Association / Organization
Indiana Area Junior High School
Volunteer Chaperone for Monthly Dances
Indiana County Reading Council Membership Chair,
Books to Babies Committee, Volunteer for Back to School Bash Book Drive
& Literacy Day
Armstrong County Reading Council
Keystone State Reading Association
Volunteer for Registration & Presenter at Conferences
Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association
Volunteer for Registration at Conferences
IUP Alumni Association, Volunteer for Crimson Huddles and Homecomings
Indiana Garden Club, Volunteer for May Mart, Scholarships and Awards, Hospitality,
Flower Arranging and Youth Gardening Committees
YMCA of Indiana County Volunteer for Healthy Kids Day
Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity

TRAINING

Up- to-date with various teacher trainings for ACT 48 credit including:
What Works for ESL students, Dibels Next, Literacy Technology Tools,
Differentiating Instruction, Quality Vocabulary, Using the Smart Board for
Literacy, RTII and How it is Driving Instruction, Culturally Responsive Instruction,
Olweus Training, School Performance Conference, Emergency Disaster
Shooter Training, CPR and Crisis Prevention Intervention Training, Four Square Writing,
Effective Learning Centers, The Special Education and Regular Classroom Education
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