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**OBJECTIVE**

To obtain a full-time elementary education teaching position that will allow me to pursue my passion for educating students and continue to learn and grow as a professional.

**EDUCATION**

**West Chester University,** West Chester, PA

Bachelor of Science in Education, December 2011

* Major: Early Childhood Education
* GPA: 3.1

**CERTIFICATION**

Pennsylvania Instructional 1- Early Childhood N-3

**EDUCATION RELATED EXPERIENCES**

* **Oscar Lasko Youth Program Center, West Chester, PA**
* Helped open a full-day, academic kindergarten that is licensed by the PA Department of Education
* Lead teacher at The YMCA Kindergarten Academy, July 2013-present
* **Oscar Lasko Youth Program Center, West Chester, PA**

Worked as the lead Kindergarten Enrichment teacher, March 2012-June 2013

* **West Chester Area YMCA, West Chester, PA**

Worked as the lead teacher in the one year old classroom, January-March, 2012

* **Upper Darby Kindergarten Center, Upper Darby, PA**

Student Teaching, Fall 2011

* **Southeast Delco Kindergarten Center, Glenolden, PA**

Reading Practicum, Spring 2011

* **Chester County Intermediate Unit Head Start, St. Cecilia’s, Coatesville, PA**

Preschool Learning Environment, Spring 2010

* **Downingtown S.T.E.M. Academy, Downingtown, PA**

Preschool Learning Environment, Early Intervention, Spring 2010

* **Chesterbrook Academy, West Chester, PA**

Infant Development, Fall 2009

**OTHER EXPERIENCES**

* **Babysitting, West Chester, PA**
  + The Sherlock family
    - 2008-Present
    - Four children between the ages of 2 years old and 12 years old
    - Provide care for them an average of 6 hours per month
  + The Speakman family
    - 2010-Present
    - Two children, 11 month old and 4 year old
    - Provide care for him an average of 6 hours per month
* **YMCA Youth Program Center Member Services, West Chester, PA**
  + Member services
  + Fall 2011-March 2012
* **Life Skills Support, C & K Solutions, Honeybrook, PA**
  + Provide support for people with developmental disabilities (participation in the community, respite care, housekeeping, shopping)
  + Fall 2010-Winter 2011
* **YMCA Youth Program Center YPAL, West Chester, PA** 
  + Camp counselor
  + June-August 2011
* **YMCA Youth Program Center SACC, West Chester, PA**
  + Before and after school care program
  + September 2010-June 2011
* **YMCA West Chester Summer Camp, West Chester, PA**
  + Camp Counselor
  + June-August 2010
* **Employee at Color Me Mine, Wayne, PA**
  + Hosted birthday parties, assisted customers in painting techniques, and helped maintain appearance of the store
  + 2006-2008

**ACTIVITIES**

* **Best Buddies**
  + Activities Coordinator for the West Chester University chapter, Spring 2008-Spring 2011
  + Secretary for the Radnor High School chapter, 2005-2007

**HONORS**

* **Dean’s list**
  + Fall 2009
  + Fall 2011