DeAnna Williams

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**Professional Experience**

Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, Lebanon, PA

*Early Childhood Instructor for Lebanon County Head Start Program, Aug 2006 – present*

* Employ special educational strategies and techniques during instruction to improve the development of sensory- and perceptual-motor skills, language, cognition, and memory.
* Instruct students in academic subjects using a variety of techniques such as phonetics, multisensory learning, and repetition to reinforce learning and to meet students' varying needs and interests.
* Plan and conduct activities for a balanced program of instruction, demonstration, and work time that provides students with opportunities to observe, question, and investigate.
* Plan gross motor activities that support a wide variety of abilities to include students in wheelchairs and leg braces.
* Teach students to appreciate a wide range of musical genres and to actively participate in musical activities.
* Teach students personal development skills such as goal setting, independence, and self-advocacy.
* Maintain accurate and complete student records and prepare reports on children and activities, as required by laws, district policies, and administrative regulations.
* Observe and evaluate students' performance, behavior, social development, and teach socially acceptable behavior, employing techniques such as behavior modification and positive reinforcement.
* Attend staff meetings and serve on committees, as needed.
* Confer with parents, administrators, testing specialists, social workers, and other professionals to develop individual educational plans designed to promote students' educational, physical, and social development.
* Meet with parents and guardians to discuss their children's progress and to determine priorities for their children and their resource needs.
* Supervise, evaluate, and plan assignments for teacher assistants and volunteers.
* Monitor college students during their observation hours for Early Childhood classes.
* Monitored a student teacher during the fall semester for her Early Childhood certification through Eastern University.

Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, Lebanon, PA

*GED Examiner, Mar 2005 – Aug 2006*

* Monitored and facilitated a cohesive testing atmosphere.
* Provided a structured testing environment for adult learners.

Cumberland County Public School System, Fayetteville, NC

*Social Studies Teacher, August 1999- June 2000*

* Maintained accurate and completed student records as required by laws, district policies, and administrative regulations.
* Prepared, administered, and graded tests and assignments to evaluate students' progress.
* Tutored at-risk students.
* Assigned and graded class work and homework.
* Established clear objectives for all lessons, units, and projects and communicated those objectives to students.
* Actively participated in the Renaissance and Brotherhood Committees.

Fort Rucker Primary and Elementary School, Fort Rucker, AL

*Secretary and Vice-President of the School Board, August 2003-January 2005*

* Assisted the public and administrative staffs concerning the DoDEA school closings.
* Participated in legality training required of school board officers.
* Supported the Superintendent of Schools and both schools' principals.
* Supplied administrative support for faculty, administration, staff, students and parents.

**Education**

Drexel University, Philadelphia,PA

*Special Education, PreK-8th, March 2015*

* Certification Program in Special Education PK-8
* 3.97 GPA

Alvernia University, Reading, PA

*Early Childhood Education, December 2010*

* Certification Program in Early Childhood Education
* 4.0 GPA

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA

*Master of Science in Education, December 2004*

* 3.95 GPA

University of Virginia at Wise, Wise VA

*Bachelor of Arts in History, August 1998*

* 3.3 GPA

**Additional Skills**

* Chosen to participate in the PNC *Grow Up Great With Science* at the Whittaker Center.
* Proficient at establishing educational curriculum and serves on the Education and Disabilities Advisory Committee for Lebanon County Head Start.
* Demonstrates sensitivity and openness to diverse students of culture, age, gender and learning styles.
* Helped develop a progress report while serving on the Education and Disabilities Advisory Committee for the Head Start Program.
* Sits on the Holiday Committee in order to maintain a culturally diverse learning program in the Lebanon County Head Start Program that implements holidays and various cultures in a strong and diverse learning environment.
* Helped facilitate a Communication Work Group Committee for teachers and administrators for Lebanon County Head Start.

**Awards**

Awarded Teacher of the Year by the Lebanon Valley Association for the Learning of Young Children for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Professional Affiliations**

* Member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
* Member of the National Association for Special Education Teachers.