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Objective`

* Dedicated and compassionate teacher with a diverse background in preschool, special education, elementary, and cyber education is seeking employment in an environment which leads to professional growth, including Instructional II certification, and a Master’s Degree.

Education

Bacherlor of arts degree | 1997 | La Salle University

University of Phoenix – 14 graduate level credits

Certifications

* Instructional I Teaching Certification in Mentally and Physically Handicapped; K-12
* Instructional I Teaching Certification in Elementary Education; K-6

Continuing Education

* Dimensions of Learning
* Wilson Whole Language Program training
* Lindamood-Bell training
* Handwriting Without Tears training

Leadership

* Successfully lead Benchmark Testing of all Northeast Philadelphia students for the past 2 years.
* One of 4 site coordinator for Agora’s Focus Friday program

Experience

4th Grade Teacher | Agora Cyber Charter School | 8/2012 to Present

* Provide data driven instruction for 40 students in areas of language arts, math, science, and history aligned with common core standards to students from Philadelphia and surrounding areas.
* Provide small group and 1: 1 support to students struggling with academic skills based on individual goals.
* Effectively communicate with parents and family coaches about students’ needs and concerns.

Pre- Kindergarten Teacher | Bensalem Christian Day School | 5/2009-5/2012

* Instructed an average of 20 students in the areas of reading readiness, pre-math skills, and physical education.
* Created and implemented original curriculum incorporating monthly themes within large and small group instruction, as well as, learning centers.

Tutor | Club Z Tutoring | 12/2008-4/2009

* Contracted tutor for grant program within the school district of Philadelphia who assessed and instructed client to gain age-appropriate math skills.

Reading Tutor | The Reading Connection | 7/2002 – 9/2006

* Worked 1:1 with clients from second grade to high school using the Wilson Whole Language program to remediate decoding and encoding problems, reading comprehension, and fluency.
* Tutored students in mathematics.

Kindergarten Teacher | Grey Nun Academy | 5/2009-5/2012

* Co-taught kindergarten students in the areas of language arts and mathematics.
* Cooperatively worked with co-teacher assessing student’s achievement and communicating with parents.
* Participated on academic assessment and curriculum committee.

Third Grade Teacher | Politiz Hebrew academy | 9/2001-5/2002

* Instructed 18 male students by creating an age appropriate curriculum in the areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
* Formally and informally assessed students and reported findings three times a year on school report card.

Special Education Teacher | The Quaker School at Horsham /1/1997- 9/2001

* Instructed small classes of fourth and/ or fifth grade students with various learning challenges in all academic subjects.
* Created individual educational programs based on student’s need and data
* Executed successful behavioral management programs modifying group and/ or individual behaviors.
* Regularly corresponded and worked with psychologist advocating for students and developing IEP goals.