**CASSANDRA L. DREW**

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**Seeking a teaching position in Special Education (K-8) or Early Childhood Education (K-4)**

**EDUCATION:**

**Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania** - Slippery Rock, PA……………Graduation: May 2016

* Bachelors of Science in Special Education ***and*** Early Childhood Education
* QPA: 3.38 / 4.0 ~ Slippery Rock University Dean’s List: 3 semesters

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

**Pennsylvania Certifications**

* Special Education, Grades K-8
* Early Childhood Education, Grades K-4

**PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION:**

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE - New Story Wyomissing.**................ June-August 2016

**Special Education- Autistic Support, Wyomissing**

* VB- Mapp communication program and implementation with three students
* Applied Behavioral Analysis; used in the room and throughout the building system
* Collaboration with Behavioral Consultants to benefit and meet student's behavioral needs
* Use of pec communication system to break down communication barriers for students

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE – West Middlesex Area School District** ……………May – June 2016

**Substitute Teacher**

* Managed behavior based on grade levels
* Carried out teacher made lesson plans from a day to day basis
* Grades taught: 1st, 5th, Physical Education, Learning Support, and Life Skills

**STUDENT TEACHING - Neshannock Township School District**………………January – March 2016

**Special Education - Learning Support (K-4),** Neshannock Elementary School

* Utilizing learning centers along with small group instruction to meet the needs of all students.
* Use of the small group and one-on-one instruction to differentiate instruction between age groups along with peers.
* Using technology in the classroom; Smart Board and iPads to enhance learning.
* Helped students improve fluency through Timed Reading Strategy, utilizing the resource “Reading A-Z” and Aims Web Testing
* Designed and implemented behavioral management system in a special education setting

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**Elementary Education – Kindergarten,** Neshannock Elementary School……….March – May 2016

* Design instruction for large group and flex groups
* Focus instruction on letter sounds and re-teaching of those skills
* Proficient in Smartboard Notebook program and Microsoft Office Professional (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel)

**PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE – Farrell Area School District**………November – December 2015

**Special Education - 4th–6th Grade Emotional Support,** Farrell Elementary School (4 students)

* Prepared and instructed both reading and math lessons
* Attended an alternative placement meeting
* Learned behavior management techniques

**FIELD EXPERIENCE - Sharon City School District**……………………..April – May 2015

**Elementary Education – 4th Grade,** Sharon Elementary School (20-25 students)

* Implemented two science lessons for large group setting
* Use technology with the Smart Board; behavior management and instructional
* Participated with fourth grade science field trip
* Assisted with PSSA Testing
* Used in class small-group instruction with math and science

**FUN IN THE SUN SUMMER CAMP, Hermitage, PA**………………………..July 2015

**Summer Camp Counselor,** (40+ children ages 6-12)

* Traveled in the community and participated in community events
* Understanding behaviors, different disabilities, and group management

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

* Co-Teaching Workshop January 2016
* Junior Achievement Volunteer May 2015
* Project WILD Workshop April 2015
* Responsive Classroom Training September 2015
* American Sign Language Class March 2013

**~ Additional references available upon request ~**