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**Education:**

**West Chester University of Pennsylvania,** West Chester, PA

*Bachelor of Science in Education,* December 2015

Dual Major: English Writings Track/BSED Special Education 7-12

GPA: 3.587

**Awards and Honors:**

Received the Margaret Gontar 1932 Scholarship in April 2015

Earned Dean’s list in the Fall of 2014 and Spring of 2014

Published two poems in the "Literati" (a writing publication at WCU) in April, 2012

**Teaching Experience:**

*Student teache*r, Avon Grove High School, August 31-October 16, 2015

* Planned and taught four periods of senior and two periods of junior College Prep English classes
* Interacted professionally with coworkers, my cooperating teacher, my supervisor and administration
* Incorporated appropriate media such as video, music and radio programs into my lessons
* Taught texts such as: *Beowulf, Daughter of Invention* and *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*
* Utilized current events and professional articles to highlight important issues addressed in the texts
* Designed numerous hands-on activities to keep the students engaged like designing posters to advertise the importance of reading and writing

Field: Writing and Teaching, February 2015

* Tutored students in small groups and helped with revising papers at Kennett High School for a total of 18 hours

Field: Teaching English in Secondary Schools, September 2014

* Taught a mini lesson on editing symbols and revision at Esperanza Academy Charter High School in an inner city school in Philadelphia
* Completed 25 hours of hands-on experience in the classroom

Field: Curriculum/Instruction for Individual Differences, September 2014

* Taught two mini lessons at Collegium Charter School. One was initiating a creative writing prompt and the other was a game to review grammar concepts
* Engaged in 25 hours of hands-on experience in this classroom and within the Collegium Charter School community

**Work Experience:**

Bayada Home Health Care, Downingtown, PA-

*Home Health Aid,* September 2014- present

* Provide care, one to three times a week, for a 14-year-old male with severe special needs.
* Program and encourage communication through his iPad
* Follow a strict schedule with getting him off of the bus, feeding, essential oil recognition, bathing, diaper changes, crawling exercises, number/color recognition on his iPad and playtime

*Childcare Provider*, NJ and PA- 2007-Present

* Watched after many families of multiples (twins, triplets, up to four children)
* Initiated arts and crafts activities, pretend play and playing outside
* Served as a two year Nanny for twin five year old boys and their three year old brother- drove children to and from school, prepared meals, fed them, played with them and monitored homework.

Newell Elementary School- Summer Enrichment Academy (ESY), Allentown NJ-

*Instructional Assistant,* July 2013 - August 2015, Seasonal

* Worked with two different groups of Kindergarten students and a group of sixth graders with a variety of disabilities.
* Prepared mini lessons to review various concepts, Created relevant worksheets, Enforced a daily journal, Read to the class, assisted with fine and gross motor skill activities and brought the children to various places (nurse, gym, OT, etc.)

**Organization Involvement:**  
**Council for Exceptional Children WCU,** West Chester University, West Chester, PA  
*Publicity Chair, Active Member, National Member* August 2011 – Present

* Arrange and lead the monthly Game Night event with the Chester County Down Syndrome Interest Group
* Update the Facebook page and the bulletin board for the club
* Attended the Annual CEC Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in April, 2014
* Attended the 52nd Annual PACEC (Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children) Convention Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as a freshman member
* Received an “Active Member” award every semester since fall of 2011 concluding that I volunteered over 12 hours per semester for the organization

**University Dance Company WCU,** West Chester University, West Chester, PA

*Member, September* 2011 – Present

* Auditioned and was selected twice a year
* Attend weekly rehearsals, six master classes and participated in 8 shows to date
* Volunteered for 10 hours for American College Dance Association and took classes from professional choreographers in April 2015
* Performed the following styles: Contemporary, Ballet, Country Line Dancing, Modern and Tap