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To obtain a position teaching early-childhood students, pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, or students with exceptionalities, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

**Education** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania** · Indiana, PA*August 2009-May 2013* **Undergraduate Degree**

* B.S.ED., Early Childhood Education (PreK-4)
* B.S.ED., Special Education (PreK-8)
* GPA: 3.73/4.0

**Professional Experience** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Teaching**

**2nd Grade** · **Blairsville Elementary School** · Blairsville, PA *Spring 2013*

* Mentored in a second-grade-inclusive classroom containing seven learning support students.
* Implemented a whole-class and an individual behavior management plan.
* Taught using both the Everyday Math and Journey’s Reading Curriculums.
* Effectively planned and instructed three daily Guided Reading groups.
* Organized and facilitated kindergarten registration.

**5th/ 6th Grade** · **Pace School** · Pittsburgh, PA *Spring 2013*

* Mentored in a fifth and sixth grade classroom for students with severe-emotional

disturbances and co-morbid mental health diagnoses in an approved private school.

* Utilized the Sanctuary Model to provide trauma-informed care and evidence-based practice.
* Supported daily behavior management programs, participated in bi-weekly treatment teams,

and contributed to multiple IEP and RR meetings.

* Completed the renewal of an IEP and a PBSP.
* Developed a three-week, whole-group Instructional Program.
* Provided support within multiple ability groups to provide adapted math instruction.

**2nd Grade** · **McCreery Elementary School** · Home, PA *Fall 2012*

* Designed and implemented reading, writing, and science units in an inclusive classroom.
* Aligned instruction and evaluations to both the PDESAS and Common Core Standards.
* Reflected daily to evaluate and adjust lessons using the Danielson Framework.
* Collaborated with general and special educators to make modifications and adaptations to instruction

regarding student needs.

* Participated in and contributed to six parent-teacher conferences.

**Volunteer Experience** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**KidsRead** · **Indiana Public Library** · Indiana, PA *2010-2012*

* Participated in a national-literacy development program.
* Crafted specially designed instruction to meet students’ learning needs and goals.
* Coached both a student in fourth grade and a student in second grade in reading and writing concepts and fundamentals.

**Tutoring** · **Martinsburg Elementary School** · Martinsburg, PA*2008-2009*

* Assisted in a fifth-grade, general-education classroom.
* Provided aid in both math and reading skills for two periods a day.

**Professional Affiliations & Other Organizations** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* National Society for Leadership and Success · Member  *2011-Present*
* National Association for the Education of Young Children · Member *2011-Present*
* Association for Childhood Education International · Co-President *2011-2013*
* Indiana University of Pennsylvania Volleyball Team · Participant *2009-2011*