EDUCATION

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

Bachelor of Science in Education: May 2014

*Dual Major – Early Grades Preparation PK-4 and Special Education PK-8*

Cumulative G.P.A.:3.86

* Kappa Delta Pi International Honors Society Member Initiated September 2012

**Certification:** PA PreK-4 Elementary Teaching Certification June 01, 2014

PA K-8 Special Education Teaching Certification June 01, 2014

EDUCATION RELATED EXPERIENCES

**The School District of Philadelphia,** *Philadelphia, PA*

Overbrook Educational Center **March 17, 2014-May 8, 2014**

*Student Teacher – Grade 8, Visually Impaired*

* Planned lessons in Math, Reading, Writing, Science, and Social Studies for eight eighth grade students on varying academic levels in accordance with the Common Core Standards.
* Made modifications/ accommodations to student materials and instruction
* Collaborated with cooperating teacher on a regular basis in regards to student’s needs, lesson ideas, feedback, and reflection on instruction.
* Proctored PSSA testing in Math, Science, Reading, and Writing.
* Maintained rapport with students, school staff, and parents through frequent communication.
* Provided input to parents at conferences about their child and his/her learning.
* Implemented technology to enhance student learning and understanding.

**The School District of Philadelphia,** *Philadelphia, PA*

Overbrook Educational Center **January 2014- March 14, 2014**

*Student Teacher – Grade 2*

* Structured my practice according to the Danielson Framework for Teaching.
* Became reflective of my teaching practice in order to adjust to need of students and plan more effective techniques.
* Attended all staff meetings/ Professional Development on Instructional Practices.
* Developed and implemented purposeful lessons for fifteen second grade students aligned with Common Core Standards.
* Created materials to supplement and assess learning.
* Attended report card conferences and engaged in conversation with parents.
* Differentiated instruction tailored to student’s needs.
* Implemented behavior plans for two students.
* Collaborated with cooperating teacher and school staff on a regular basis.

**The Arc of Chester County,** *West Chester, PA*

*Life Skills and Respite Care* **October 2012- November 2013**

* Implemented behavior plans and documented all necessary paperwork.
* Transported clients on outings to support life, social, and communicative skill development.
* Provided respite care for families with children with disabilities.
* Maintained positive rapport with clients and their caregivers by arriving on time to provide services and kept in regular contact with the family.
* Attended CPR and Autism trainings as well as all staff meetings.
* Camp counselor for Camp Safari (Ages 5-12) and Teen camp (Ages 13-18).

**The Children’s School of New Cumberland,** *New Cumberland, PA*

*Summer Camp Program School Age Teacher* **May 2011-August 2012**

*Grades 3-6 (2011), Grades 1-2 (2012)*

* Planned and implemented weekly activities in collaboration with co-teacher.
* Developed positive rapport with children and ensured a positive overall environment.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

**Child Care Provider,** *Private Residences*

*Provider for children ages eight months-ten years old*  **2007-Present**

* Cared for children with and without special needs.
* Maintained a healthy environment.
* Emphasized purposeful activities to engage children.
* Followed given schedule/directions from parents.
* Developed positive rapport with children.

**Hollister Company,** *Camp Hill, PA*

*Sales Associate* **2009-2010**

**Rita’s Water Ice,** *New Cumberland, PA*

*Shift Supervisor* **2008-2009**

ACTIVITIES

* Cuddle My Kids Program Homework Help and Event Volunteer 2014
* Special Olympics Volunteer at Villanova University 2013
* Best Buddies International-West Chester University chapter member 2010-2012 Historian 2013
* Autism Socialization Program- West Chester University 2012

HONORS

* Recipient of Who’s Who of American Colleges and Universities Award 2013
* Global Awareness Society International Conference Presenter-NYC 2012