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To Whom It May Concern:

As a future teacher, I hope to inspire and spark excitement in all my students. My major goal as an educator is to create life long learners. With various experience in different classroom settings around Chester County, I have come to find that every student is a learner and can achieve.

Students learn differently. Therefore, a major part of being a teacher is being able to present material to students in a way that all students can learn and understand it. With inclusion in the classroom settings, I believe this to be super important and something I can bring to the classroom with my certifications in Early Childhood and Special Education.

I believe that building a classroom community is essential part of teaching. I have many of the major qualities to create a safe and fun environment for my students. I have good communication and classroom management skills. I am also very energy, caring, and helpful.

My enclosed resume provides detail and insight on my background experiences and what I have to bring to your school. I am looking forward to sharing more details with you at a later date. Until then, I would like to thank you for considering my application.

Best regards,

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**OBJECTIVE:**

To obtain a full-time teaching position that allows me to pursue my passion of educating students.

**EDUCATION:**

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

*Bachelor of Science in Education* May 2014

* Major: Early Childhood Education, PK-4
* Major: Special Education, PK-6
* GPA: 3.546

**CERTIFICATION:**

Pennsylvania Prek-4 Teaching Certification June 2014

Pennsylvania Special Education Teaching Certification June 2014

**CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE:**

**Student Teacher**

Avon Grove School District, Penn London Elementary January 2014- Present

* Created and implemented lesson plans, unit plans, and assessments in a second grade classroom and multiple disabilities classroom.

**Practicum Experience**

Career Development Center of Coatesville, Coatesville, PA August 2013–December 2013

* Created and implemented lesson plans in a Multiple Disabilities Classroom including teaching life skills and academics.

**Practicum Experience**

Chester Community Charter School, Chester, Pa December 2012 – May 2012

* Created and implemented lesson plans and Behavior Intervention plans in an Emotional and Behavioral Support classroom

**RELATED EXPERIENCE:**

**Child Care**

United Methodist Children’s Center of West Chester, PA December 2011-Present

* Collaborated with the lead Pre-K teacher in planning and implemented day to day activities

## Management

## *Sea World Parks and Entertainment* at Sesame Place, Langhorne PA

March 2005-December 2011

* Assistant Manger of the Entertainment Department - Managed daily operation of Supervisors, Employees, and guests, including running shows and the Neighborhood Street Party parade

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

**PADA Coordinator**

Volunteer Coordinator of the Philadelphia Area Disc Alliance March 2013-Present

* Organized an Ultimate Frisbee Summer League in the West Chester area called PADA which involved organizing dates, times, jersey orders, teams, and field locations

**Treasurer**

Treasurer of the West Chester University Ultimate Frisbee Team August 2011- June 2013

* Collaborated with Sports Club Administration, Team Executive Board, and teammates to organize fundraisers, attend tournament, and manage team jerseys

**YMCA**

YMCA of West Chester Tutoring Program, West Chester PA January 2011-March 2011

* Spent after school hours working with students, tutoring, assisting with homework, reviewing and expanding on key concepts, and improving student’s study strategies

**REFERENCES**

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