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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a teaching position in an elementary classroom to guide student learning and foster a stimulating atmosphere where students can grow and develop socially, emotionally, and academically.

EDUCATION

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE, De Pere, WI
Bachelor of Arts Degree, May 2008
GPA: 3.96/4.0

Major: Elementary Education Certification:
Middle Childhood – Early Adolescence
Minor: Broad Field Science

STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Student Teacher, Lombardi Middle School: *Green Bay, WI* – November 2007 to January 2008
 - Planned lessons for 8th grade earth and space science
 - Modified lesson plans for the special needs section
 - Designed various science labs including one on physical and chemical changes
 - Led a workshop on technology and CPS (Classroom Performance System) for the science department
 - Worked one on one with struggling students during prep periods and study halls
 - Provided feedback to IEP specialists on the progress on individual students
- Student Teacher, Holy Family School: *Green Bay, WI* – August 2007-November 2007
 - Planned lessons for 3rd grade subject areas including math, science, social studies, language, spelling, reading, religion
 - Implemented behavior management systems for individual students as well as the class
 - Developed and implemented several different time management strategies
 - Integrated numerous hands on activities into the curriculum
 - Implemented the Einstein Kit on plant development into the science curriculum
 - Assisted with field trips to Botanical Gardens and Barkhausen
 - Assisted with the development of an Individualized Education Plan
 - Addressed areas of concern as well as achievement with parents during conferences

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Junior Block, Parkview Middle School: *Ashwaubenon, WI* – January 2007 to April 2007
 - Designed weekly literature lessons for small groups of students
 - Provided weekly assessment to mark students' progress
 - Team taught a unit on the Middle East including culture, religion, geographical location, and a brief history
 - Implemented hands on and interactive strategies that met the learning needs of middle school students
 - Integrated the use of technology to motivate students and evaluate their learning through nontraditional methods (news broadcast)
- Reading Instructor, St. Marks Lutheran School: *Green Bay, WI* – February 2006 to April 2006
 - Taught reading strategies to third grade students as part of an after school program
 - Identified student's reading level, comprehension level, sight word bank, and phonemic awareness using the basic reading inventory assessment
 - Developed at home reading activities that students could complete with family members
 - Designed a reading activity for a literacy family fun night
- Sophomore Block, Aldo Leopold Elementary School: *Green Bay, WI* – April 2006 to May 2006
 - Planned lessons for an inclusion classroom that incorporated third and fourth grade students
 - Motivated students to become self led learners (intrinsic learning)
 - Implemented unit on multiplication facts and incorporated memorization strategies
 - Provided reading assistance to struggling readers
- Teacher's Assistant, Christ Child Academy: *Sheboygan, WI* – January 2005
 - Tutored a student whose native language is Polish and spoke very little English
 - Implemented different manipulatives to aid in communication and understanding
 - Designed activities to aid in recognition and identification of commonly used items

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CAREER RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Resident Assistant, St. Norbert College: De Pere, WI - August 2005 to May 2008
 - Provided academic, social, and emotional support to students in the residence halls
 - Upheld and enforced college policy, maintained safety in residence halls
 - Fostered a sense of community among the residents on the floor
 - Planned educational programs to meet the needs of the college students
 - Coordinated service events
 - Mediated problems that arose between residents
 - Trained on diversity awareness, team building, communication, Ally Training from the Rainbow Alliance
- Nanny, Private Family: Kohler, WI – June 2004 to August 2007
 - Provided care for two girls on a weekly basis during the summer months and for extended periods of time during the school year
 - Planned daily schedule of activities that fostered educational opportunities as well as physical wellness
 - Transported the children to and from daily activities

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Fellow, St. Norbert College, Leadership Service and Involvement: De Pere, WI August 2004- May 2005
 - Worked as an office assistant, communicating with different departments
 - Managed the records for the tutoring program
 - Analyzed reflective essays from TRIPS (Turning Responsibility Into Powerful Service) program to determine what areas could be improved

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- SWEA (Student Wisconsin Education Association) member
 - Apprentice for the Literacy Backpack program (themed backpacks with books, literacy activities, manipulatives)
- Bill Banks Seminar on active learning strategies
- Seminar by Learning Rx Centers that provide cognitive skills training
- Fallen Timbers Experience
 - Certified to use two science curriculum guides to conduct educational activities (*Project Wildlife and Project Learning Tree*)
 - Taught a group of fifth grade students from Bonduel different outdoor survival strategies
- WIGA (Wisconsin Geographic Alliance) pre-service geography workshop on Africa
- Student Teaching Seminars
 - Health Procedure - blood borne pathogens and precautions, Teaching and Counseling At Risk Students, Teacher Consciousness of Physical, Sexual, and Emotional Abuse, Conflict Management and the Role of the Teacher, Legal Issues in the Classroom, Teaching as Vocation.

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- Experience using Zangle (online grade book)
- Created imovies to engage and motivate students
- Worked with GPS systems and geocaching
- Developed websites using AdobeGoLive
- Developed a Webquest on the tropical savanna biome
- Used MediaBlender to create an electronic storybook and quiz
- Integrated Classroom Performance System (CPS) to motivate students and encourage apprehensive learners
- Created visual aids and graphic organizers using the Inspiration Program
- Developed Power Point presentations with graphics and videos to assist student learning

HONORS/AWARDS

- Dean's List
- St Norbert College Abbott Pennings Trustee Scholarship (Academics)
- Residential Life Director's Award for outstanding service
- WURHA (Wisconsin United Residence Hall Association) State Residential Assistant Award – November 2006
- 2005, 2006, and 2007 Nominee for the Norbertine Leadership and Service Award