

James Smith

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OBJECTIVE Teacher of mathematics for early adolescent to adolescent students with the focus on developing the skills of mathematical reasoning and problem solving.

EDUCATION ST NORBERT COLLEGE, De Pere, WI
Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, May 2008
Major: Mathematics GPA: 3.66
Minor: Computer Science
Certification: Early Adolescence/Adolescence (Grades 6-12)
Honors/Awards:
Catherine Schmitz Jacobs Secondary Education Scholarship –
Nominated by Education Faculty
Pi Mu Epsilon National Honorary Mathematics Society
Rev. Nicholas E. Nirschl, O.Praem. Mathematics and Computer
Science Endowed Scholarship – 2008
Abbot Pennings Trustees Distinguished Scholarship for Academics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE East De Pere High School, De Pere, WI
Student Teacher (August 2008-January 2009)

- Taught Advanced Algebra, Functions Statistics Trigonometry, and College Preparatory Math Concepts to students grades 9-12.
- Motivated students through variety of techniques, including student led lessons, board work, overhead notes.
- Facilitated learning through interactive lessons.
- Assisted students with learning gaps and clarified concepts in the Math Resource Room.
- Developed communication skills between fellow faculty members, students, and parents.

Swanson Primary School, Swanson, Auckland, New Zealand

International Teaching Experience

Student Teacher (October – December 2008)

- Taught a mixed 5/6 Grade classroom.
- Develop an awareness of cultural diversity and global interdependence.
- Created lesson plans for English, Maths, Writing, and integrated studies.
- Developed non-traditional lessons focused on student-led exploration of topics.
- Examined student performance in order to identify individual needs, and used that data to group students based on ability.
- Adjusted assignments for specific student ability groups.

Parkview Middle School, Ashwaubenon, WI
Pre-Service Teacher (Fall 2007)

- Co-taught two novels in small literature groups.
 - Introduced the students to Edublogs for online discussions.
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Bay View Middle School, Green Bay, WI

Pre-Service Teacher (Fall 2007)

- Team taught unit on pollution with an emphasis on globalization.
- Facilitated hands-on small group activities.
- Introduced the concept of Geocaching and developed learning activity demonstrating relevant terminology.

Notre Dame de la Baie Academy, Green Bay, WI

Sophomore Block Teaching Experience (Fall 2006)

- Taught Junior and Senior students Calculus I & II.
- Planned practical and interactive lessons focused on allowing students to solve problems independently.
- Individual tutoring of minority students in topics ranging from Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

CAREER-RELATED EXPERIENCE St Norbert College Mathematics Department, De Pere, WI

Teaching Assistant (Fall 2006 – Present)

- Maintain office hours to work individually or with groups of students to answer questions from various math courses.
- Assist professors in grading and classroom management.
- Facilitate student review sessions.

St Norbert College Education Department, De Pere, WI

Teaching Assistant (Fall 2007 – Present)

- Maintain office hours and online presence to answer instructional technology based questions of students
- Provide direct classroom support for professors in courses demonstrating how to use various types of education software.
- Maintain proficiency with software including, iMovie, Garageband, iPhoto, iWeb, MediaBlender, ImageBlender, Cmap, Inspiration and their Windows equivalents.

St. Norbert College – Research Fellows, De Pere, WI

Student Researcher (Fall 2005 – Spring 2007)

- Researched Diskivity of a Region, developing and defining a concept previously unstudied.
- Presented research findings at two National MAA Conferences: San Jose, CA in 2007 and Knoxville, TN in 2006 and received Certificate of Merit for Paper Presentation
- Studied a topic using applied mathematics learned in Trigonometry, PreCalculus, and Calculus I & II.

Villa Hope, Inc., Appleton, WI

Program Assistant (May 2002 – Present)

- Support adult male consumers with mental and/or physical disabilities in their activities of daily living.
- Plan and develop Individual Service Plans (ISP) for consumers with social worker and the individual input.

- Monitor consumer progress towards goals included in their ISP.
- Maintain detailed records of client and staff interaction to use for biannual ISP review.