

# Mary A. Chase

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## CAREER SUMMARY

Accomplished educator with demonstrated ability to teach, motivate, and direct students while maintaining high interest and achievement.

Articulate communicator able to effectively interact with diverse populations of students at a variety of academic levels. Consistently maintain excellent relations with students, parents, faculty, and administrators. Self-motivated with strong planning, organizational and leadership skills.

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**OBJECTIVE** Obtain a classroom teacher position at the Early Childhood or Elementary level (Birth to age 11).

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**EDUCATION** ST. NORBERT COLLEGE, De Pere, WI  
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education, May 2010  
Major: Elementary Education, Minor: Early Childhood Education, Certification Add On: Adaptive Education  
GPA: 3.89/4.0 Major GPA: 4.0/4.0  
Certification: Early Childhood-Middle Childhood

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**EXPECTED STATES OF TEACHING CERTIFICATION:** Wisconsin and Illinois

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Student Teaching, Red Smith Elementary, Green Bay, WI November 2009-January 2010*

- Planned and implemented age appropriate lesson plans in all content areas including Balanced Literacy, Social Studies, Math, Science, and Nutrition
- Incorporated technology in the classroom by doing power point and iClicker reviews, electronic jeopardy, computer research, presenting information on an ELMO, and a Global Positioning System (GPS) Scavenger hunt.
- Participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences with the current fourth grade teachers and support staff members to facilitate each child's social and intellectual growth by creating an atmosphere of respect and open communication.
- Participated in intervention meeting to better understand student and how to best approach her education

*Student Teaching, Jackson Elementary, Green Bay, WI September 2009-November 2010*

- Planned and followed through with developmentally appropriate lessons in Balanced Literacy, Math, Science, and Social Studies for a cooperative classroom that was differentiated to all students needs.
- Used a variety of teaching strategies to allow students to stay attuned to lessons as well as receive the information in a way that reaches their specific learning style
- Taught as part of a collaborative group along with a Special Education teacher, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, and a paraprofessional to facilitate each child's social and intellectual growth by creating an atmosphere of respect and open communication
- Supported colleagues and administration in cultivating parent involvement through parent teacher conferences, progress reports, morning and after school duty, and participation in the Leadership/Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) meetings
- Attending Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings to better learn about special needs and ways to differentiate lessons

*Preschool Practicum, St. Norbert College Children's Center, De Pere, WI January 2009-May 2009*

- Created classroom themes and centers for themes to support learning and age appropriate development
- Lead a Parent/Teacher Conference to gain experience in observational skills in a preschool and building relationships and communicating progress and areas of need with parents.

*Reading Remediation Tutor, St. Bernard Elementary, Green Bay, WI January 2009-May 2009*

- Worked one-on-one with a second grade student who needed specific one on one support in literacy skills
- Created and implemented focused lessons that supported the student in word work, comprehension, oral reading, and writing skills in an engaging and fun way.

*Adaptive Education Practicum, Aldo Leopold Elementary, Green Bay, WI January 2009*

- Observed and participated in the daily functioning of a special education classroom that supports first through third graders
  - Fulfilled the lessons and daily routines when cooperating teacher was out on a pre-arranged absence
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## CAREER RELATED EXPERIENCE

*Learning Tree Adventures Instructor, De Pere Community Center, De Pere, WI January 2010-Present*

- Created weekly day camp themes for developmentally appropriate preschool activities including free play, an opening circle and a closing circle to build an atmosphere of learning and fun

*Camp Counselor, De Pere Community Center, De Pere, WI Summer 2009*

- Cooperated with De Pere School District to pick up and drop off students ages six to eleven at summer school program as well as provide a safe and nurturing environment that is academically enriching and fun.
- Adapted weekly theme and lesson plan based on specific student needs

*Applied Behavior Analysis Home Therapist, KCC Fiscal Agent Services-Brown County, Green Bay, WI Summer 2009*

- Worked with an eleven year-old male diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome in the child's home
- Planned lessons focused on academic skills (math and reading) and social language and interaction.
- Developed a greater understanding of Asperger's and the needs of students with Asperger's which will allow for a better understanding and differentiation in future classroom.

*Academic Tutor, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI September 2007-December 2008*

- Worked one on one and in small groups to aid college students in specific academic area as well as organizational and time management strategies.
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## **COACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Gymnastics Instructor, The Little Gym, Green Bay, WI August 2009-Present*

- Utilized instructional knowledge and love of gymnastics to relate to students from preschool to grade school in creative fitness setting.
- Fostered learning through non-competitive, nurturing environment as students progress at their own pace.

*Tumbling Assistant/Head Instructor, De Pere Community Center, De Pere, WI September 2008-Present*

- Assumed head position in January 2010 and new duties include creating the weekly lessons and submitting to center's supervisor.
  - Promote motor skills, coordination, sensory exploration, and social interaction to create happier, healthier children
  - Create lessons that allow students to individually succeed and progress at their own pace.
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## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

*Leadership, Service and Engagement Assistant, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI January 2007-August 2008, January 2010-Present*

- Demonstrate flexibility in completing projects as assigned

*Leadership Development Intern, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI August 2008-May 2009*

- Facilitate and plan the Emerging Leaders and M3C interns mentorship curriculum to aid mentor in guiding first year students through immersion in leadership development and completion of service project

*First Year Experience Mentor, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI June 2007-October 2007*

- Mentor group of first year students to help them adjust and get acclimated to college setting

*Chapter President-Elect/President, Student Wisconsin Education Association, August 2007-May 2009*

- Attended monthly Board of Directors meetings and reported back to local board, which then reports back to members
  - Lead local board meetings with the purpose of educating members on the field of education
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## **SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

*Midwest Campus Compact Citizen-Scholar, St. Norbert College/AmeriCorps, De Pere, WI August 2006-May 2007*

- Tutored high-risk, multicultural, and low-socioeconomic students to foster a life long love of learning
- Completed 300 hours of community service to broaden cultural awareness as well as help to create change

*TRIPS (Turning Responsibility Into Powerful Service), Chicago, IL Winter 2007*

- Assisted teacher in daily responsibilities and after school homework at St. Benedict the African-East third grade
- Attended and African American Church service, a African American museum to gain better cultural awareness

*Outreach to Teach*

- Remodeled schools in need as part of the Student Wisconsin Education Association state (Fond du Lac and Prescott school district) and local (Washington Middle School-Green Bay, WI) outreach programs.
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## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), Fall 2009
  - Diversity Training, Spring 2009
  - Virtus Training, Spring 2008
  - Student Wisconsin Education Association Member January 2007-May 2010
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## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- Competency in MAC and PC, Microsoft Office, iMovie, iPhoto, Inspiration, GPS, using iClickers and web page design
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## **AWARDS**

- Deans List
- Catherine Jacobs Scholarship- *selected on basis of performance in education courses and practicum, the quality of overall preparation to teach, and the candidate's commitment to exemplary teaching and public service.*
- Educational Leader in Exceptional Attitudes and Dispositions (LEAD) award winner 2007
- Distinguished Trustee Scholar-based on academic and leadership achievement
- Student Council Scholarship-based on academic and leadership achievement