

# Sarah Gratke

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## CAREER OBJECTIVE

Desire to gain employment as a primary teacher or middle school language arts teacher in the state of Wisconsin. Offering a desire to include reading skills across the curriculum, individualized and differentiated instruction, and willing to help in student affairs outside of the classroom.

## EDUCATION

### St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI

Bachelor of Arts Degree, May 2008

Major: Elementary Education    Minor: Language Arts    GPA: 3.89/4.0

Certification: Middle Childhood- Early Adolescence

### University of Richmond, London, England, Summer 2006

- Study abroad program emphasizing in fiction writing and history of London
- Volunteered bi-weekly at Queen's College Preparatory School for girls
- Gained an appreciation for a global point of view
- Became sensitive to other cultural values, norms, customs, and communication patterns.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Student Teacher, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Prince of Peace/Holy Martyrs, Green Bay, WI, November 2007- January 2008

- Planned and implemented age appropriate lessons for a collaborate classroom in mathematics, science, and social studies
- Utilized the concept of reading across the curriculum by centering each lesson around a reading or writing strategy
- Strategically managed and planned for three reading groups
- Worked to modify daily lesson plans to meet individual academic, behavioral, and social needs
- Assisted in school's weekly mass as well as unit for Catholic School's Week

### Student Teacher, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts, Edison Middle School, Green Bay, WI, August 2007- October 2007

- Prepared and implemented a unit on The Outsiders for five sections of 7<sup>th</sup> graders
- Participated in a variety of formal and informal assessment before, during, and after unit
- Incorporated small group projects, individual work, and group discussions
- Utilized school library to enhance student learning through the use of technology
- Differentiated lessons for a variety of learning needs
- Organized and planned Parent/Teacher conferences
- Supervised a study hall

### Junior Field Experience Teacher, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Parkview Middle School, Green Bay, WI, January 2007- April 2007

- Facilitated a small group of students in Literature Circles over a period of 8 weeks
- Integrated vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing exercises for each novel
- Team taught a classroom of students for two weeks on the Middle East
- Assisted students in creating PowerPoint presentations on different aspects of life in the Middle East

### Sophomore Block Teacher, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Howe Elementary School, Green Bay, WI, March 2006-May 2006

- Planned lessons in the language arts, including reading and writing
- Worked with individual students on basics of reading
- Attended IEP meetings on two students

**ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE****Family Services of Northeastern Wisconsin Intern**

Billie Kress Residential Treatment Center

January 2008- May 2008

- Work with Behavior Management, Education Specialists, and Therapists to set goals for clients to become functional members of society
- Supervise process and therapy groups, as well as classroom work and physical education

**School Aged Child Care Lead Staff and Assistant**

Westwood Elementary, De Pere WI & Calvary Lutheran Site, Green Bay WI

September 2006- August 2007

- Planned and implemented activities and lessons in a variety of subject areas
- Supervised students on field trips and activities in the community

**First English Lutheran Church**

Appleton, Wisconsin

May 2005-August 2005, July 2006-August 2006

- Designed and implemented Children's Palace, a program for low-income, multicultural school-aged children
- Supervised junior high group weekly outings
- Led a variety of service opportunities in community

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

You Matter Mentoring 2006-current

- Meet weekly with an at-risk adolescent student
- Set goals with student to increase academic performance and social skills

Alternative Spring Break TRIPS Leader to Lebonheur & St. Jude's Children's Hospitals- Spring 2007

- Interviewed and selected eleven trip members
- Planned and prepared meetings before, during, and after trip
- Established contacts and connections for trip
- Volunteered 40 hours at hospitals

Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2004-2006

- Met weekly with two at-risk students from the Brown County
- Established goals for students to increase social skills

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Elected Parish Council Member 2007-2008

Confirmation Sponsor- 2007

Catechist at Old St. Joes Parish 2004-2005

Relay for Life Participant

**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

Dean's List- all semesters

Abbot Pennings Scholarship Recipient 2004

National Honor Society Scholarship Recipient 2004

**REFERENCES**

Electronic Portfolio, Credential File, and References Available Upon Request