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OBJECTIVE

Desire to be a high school English teacher who educates and values the whole student, making learning accessible. Guide students' independent learning, critical thinking, and self-expression through language arts.

EDUCATION

St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English

GPA: 3.88/4.00

May 2012

Certification: Early Adolescence – Adolescence

STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Teacher, De Pere High School, De Pere, WI

Nov 2011 – Jan 2012

Taught Honors American Literature and an expository writing course, Advanced Composition

- Collaborated with staff for common assessments that met the Common Core standards
- Utilized assistance from counselors and ESL assistants to meet the needs of my students
- Enhanced learning through technology with chats, surveys, and additional resources
- Facilitated students publishing their written work in an electronic portfolio
- Coached students' individual writing needs through written and verbal feedback
- Guided students through the writing stages with examples and empathy
- Connected AP literary terms to students' observations and understandings of a text
- Observed non-traditional classrooms, such as team-taught and single gender
- Developed first-year students' time management and study skills in resource period

Student Teacher, St. Matthew School, Green Bay, WI

Aug – Nov 2011

Taught language arts, literature, and Catholic religion classes to seventh and eighth graders

- Assessed students' learning with cooperative grouping and technology-based projects
- Modified assignments and exams based upon IEP and RTI support staff guidance
- Created a website and webquest guide to enhance students' historical background knowledge
- Led and participated with the eighth grade students at an overnight team-building camp
- Collaborated with faculty and staff in school-wide projects, duties, and professional development
- Communicated with families through a blog, conferences, and attending school events
- Used creative writing projects to enhance students' understanding of literature
- Obtained a real audience for the students' persuasive debate
- Created five units: suspense, persuasion, early American writers, *The Giver*, and saints

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer Camp Teacher Salvation Army Camp Hope, Green Bay, WI

Summer 2011

- Designed and implemented healthy lifestyle education for 7-12 year olds
- Created a safe, positive environment for at-risk youth in and out of the classroom
- Organized and collected assessment data for grant applications
- Became certified in First Aid and CPR

Classroom Co-Teacher/Aide Wisconsin International School, De Pere, WI

Seasonal 2008-2011

- Co-taught and developed a summer reading course
- Led a leveled reading group in a 4th/5th combined classroom
- Facilitated the writing and production of a student-led play

Certified Tutor *College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA)*, De Pere, WI Spring 2009-2011

- Helped students achieve academic autonomy through effective writing and study strategies
- Received training about sleep and time management, test anxiety, cultural diversity, and learning disabilities in the realm of education

Pre-service Teacher *Washington Middle School*, Green Bay, WI Spring 2010

- Team-taught a classroom of sixth graders, some with special needs
- Implemented cooperative grouping, writing, and hands-on activities
- Collaborated with fellow pre-service teachers to develop and use a backwards design unit

ESL Tutor/Conversation Partner *ESL Institute, St. Norbert College*, De Pere, WI 2009-2010

- Assisted college students learning English with writing and reading comprehension
- Gained an understanding of reading, writing, and cultural practices around the world

Pre-service Teacher *Notre Dame Academy*, Green Bay, WI Fall 2009

- Developed a website to enrich students' understanding of a novel
- Developed lesson plans for sophomore and honors sophomore English classes
- Connected a literary genre to popular music and lyrics

Individual Tutor *Phantom Knight School of Opportunity*, De Pere, WI Fall 2009

- Counseled an at-risk adolescent with goal setting and study skills
- Experienced a project-based learning environment

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Writing Groups

- Co-supervisor of De Pere High School creative writing group *Writer's Guild* Fall 2011

Journalism

- Co-supervisor of the Notre Dame Academy student newspaper Fall 2009
- Chief Copy Editor for the St. Norbert College student-led newspaper Fall 2009
- Copy Editor for the St. Norbert College student-led newspaper Spring 2009

Reading Groups

- Created and implemented reading group activities at St. Matthew School
- Co-teacher of an early adolescent summer school reading course Summer 2009

Tennis

- Co-captain and varsity player in high school

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2012 Student Wisconsin Education Association (WEA) Professional Development Seminar

- Sessions in classroom management and PDP development

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Dean's List
- Bob and Bonnie Kaftan 2011 Scholarship recipient for academics
- Educational Testing Service (ETS) Recognition of Excellence on the Praxis II exam
- Catherine Schmitz Jacobs Secondary Education Award Recipient for excellence
- Trustees Distinguished Scholarship award for academics