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TEACHING OBJECTIVE: To create a positive learning atmosphere that provides a well-rounded academic, as well as social foundation for students so they may be successful in their future endeavors.

CERTIFICATION Early Childhood/Middle Childhood (Birth-11)

EDUCATION ST. NORBERT COLLEGE-De Pere, WI
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education, December 2011
Minor: Early Childhood Education

HONORS/AWARDS DEAN'S LIST
Recipient of the L.E.A.D. Award (Leader in Exceptional Attitudes and Dispositions)
Given by the St. Norbert College Department of Education, faculty nominated

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Teacher- 4/5 Grade, Jackson Elementary School, Green Bay, WI November 2011-January 2012

- Teaching Math Expressions at the 5th grade level
- Implementing Guided Reading Plus with struggling readers at the 4th grade level
- Using differentiation and remediation with afternoon literacy block, composed of 4th grade students who demonstrated a lack of progress in terms of reading and writing while also battling some specific behavioral diagnoses
- Team taught with the literacy coach applying specific literary concepts (anchor charts, focus units, mini-lessons)
- Planned and managed guided reading groups while also implementing word work in a small group setting
- Developed relationships with students built on mutual respect to help achieve better classroom management

Student Teacher-Kindergarten, St. Bernard Catholic School, Green Bay, WI August 2011-November 2011

- Taught kindergarten Math Expressions
- Participated in staff meetings, parent-teacher conferences, and professional development meetings
- Making adaptations as needed: provided therapy putty for a student struggling with fine motor skills, allowed specific students the choice of working at a separate table and the use of a rocking chair while at the carpet, and placed students on an alternative discipline plan to adhere to their specific behavior challenges
- Applied movement activities and finger plays to provide more outlets for a high-energy class
- Introduced and implemented Daily 5, used for the first time at the kindergarten level, graphed their stamina levels to provide motivation to succeed and move forth with Daily 5

Pre-Professional Teacher, UMOJA, Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI October 2010

- Attended UMOJA conference, designed to provide an opportunity for all ages and their families to explore and celebrate the African American identity, while also providing a multicultural educational experience
- Planned and implemented lesson plans for children birth to age 14 using the single group studies approach

Preschool Practicum, St. Norbert College Children's Center, De Pere, WI September 2010-January 2010

- Created classroom themes and centers for themes to support learning and age appropriate development
- Lead a Parent/Teacher Conference to gain experience in observational techniques used in a preschool setting while building relationships and communicating progress and areas of need with parents
- Used dramatized scenarios and hands on activities when presenting lessons

Reading Remediation Tutor, Jackson Elementary, Green Bay, WI January 2010-May 2010

- Worked one-on-one with a second grade student who needed individualized 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 alternative way
- Assessed student's reading level using a Sight Word Inventory and an Informal Reading Inventory

Sophomore Block Experience-Kindergarten, Martin Elementary, Green Bay, WI April 2010-May 2010

- Participated in the application of centers focused on a variety of skills
- Differentiated instruction for students with varying needs
- Learned how to effectively manage a class using many different strategies

Adaptive Education Practicum, Syble Hopp School, De Pere, WI

Spring 2009

- Observed and participated in the daily functioning of a special education classroom that supported students of various capabilities
- Gained first-hand experience with the applications of RTI (response to intervention)
- Learned as well as witnessed the importance of creating relationships and trust within the classroom with every student regardless of ability, culture, family make-up, and/or religious beliefs

CAREER-RELATED EXPERIENCES:**Girl's Night Out Instructor/Coordinator, Village of Ashwaubenon, Green Bay, WI**

Fall of 2010 and 2011

- Designed a six-week program for middle school girls focused on building positive self-esteem and developing interpersonal and intrapersonal skills
- Provided a sense of community amongst the girls and an environment that allowed them to grow, free from any judgment via team-building activities geared to adolescent girls

Assistant Day Care Teacher, St. Norbert College Children's Center, De Pere, WI

Spring 2011

- Assisted in activities within the preschool and childcare programs
- Oversaw children ages two through five while learning and incorporating classroom management strategies
- Established positive relationships with both the students as well as their parents

21st Century Community Learning Staff, Eisenhower Elementary School, Green Bay, WI

September 2008-May 2010

- Provide at-risk children the opportunity to increase academic performance, school attendance and social interaction skills through daily activities that are fun and educational
- Guide planning and provide weekly activities that accommodate the needs and interests of the children, ensure that a safe and high quality program is being conducted at all times

School age Childcare Staff, YMCA, Eau Claire, WI

September 2007-May 2008

- Provide adequate supervision before and after school, build self-esteem while developing each child's full potential, introduce and discuss the importance of weekly virtues with the children
- Facilitate fun and appropriate games which the students can engage in, instill in each child a sense of respect for themselves, others, and their surroundings

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES:**Program Assistant, Village of Ashwaubenon, Green Bay, WI**

Summer 2011

- Authorized planning, organizing, and directing of the Village's summer recreation programs in conjunction with the program supervisor
- Addressed any issues and developed an attitude of patience and flexibility in the event of unforeseen problems with the Summer Park Playground program and/or any other programs offered through the village
- Planned innovative themes and activities for the Summer Park Playground program while also unifying staff via team building activities and systemized staff trainings
- Responded to any concerns brought to my attention via park leaders, community members, and parents

Special Events Coordinator, Village of Ashwaubenon, Green Bay, WI

Summer 2010

- Expedited the planning, promotion, and development of arts and crafts activities, as well as planning the special events for the Tot Lot and Playground programs

CHILD-ORIENTED RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES:**Rookie Soccer and Football Instructor, Village of Ashwaubenon, Green Bay, WI**

Summer 2010, Fall 2011

- Introduce the sport to children age three to five in a fun and non-competitive atmosphere
- Help children engage in physical activity and incorporate unique and enjoyable games that hone in on the development of gross motor skills

Playground Leader, Village of Ashwaubenon, Green Bay, WI

Summer 2008 & 2009

- Facilitated the registration of the children coming to the program, held accountable for the organization of field trips and safety of the children
- Participate in and carry out activities during the Tots and Playground programs, supervise and provide a safe, fun-filled environment for children throughout the summer at a Village park

Preschool Gym Instructor/Gym Lead Swim Instructor/Lead, YMCA, Green Bay, WI

June 2002-May 2007

- Assist and/or lead classes, help kids grow in self-confidence, maintain a positive and conducive class structure while introducing and building new skills among the children
- Develop positive rapport with parents/guardians via consistent communication

TECHNOLOGY: Proficient with MAC and PC as well as Microsoft Office, PowerPoint, iMovie, SMART Boards, and iWeb