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### PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

Desire to teach children at the elementary level, offering confidence, passion, and excitement for students and learning more on my journey.

**ACADEMIC PROFILE** St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin

**Bachelors of Arts Degree** May 2012

Major: Elementary Education

**Minor:** Early Childhood, English as a Second Language, Language Arts **Certification:** Early-Childhood/Middle-Childhood Grades K-6, ESL

**GPA:** 3.8/4.0 Overall

### **HONORS/AWARDS**

- St. Norbert College Presidential Scholarship for Academics
- St. Norbert's Dean List
- St. Norbert College Distinguished Academic Achievement Award
- St. Norbert College Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field- 4 years each
- ETS Recognition of Excellence Award from Praxis Test

# STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Kindergarten, Cormier School and Early Learning, Ashwaubenon, WI (November 2011- January 2012)

- Teamed with Special Education Staff to support EEN students in the regular education environment
- Prepared and instructed thematic units on transportation, Thanksgiving, fabric, Gingerbread, and winter
- Assembled, outlined, and instructed students with the Einstein Kit and curriculum
- Implemented Kagan Structures into everyday teaching for a positive and interactive learning environment
- Used various strategies to assess the students' development and progress made during the second trimester of school
- Developed classroom management techniques for a fun and safe learning environment to meet diverse student needs
- Created activities to help emergent readers develop literacy skills through activities such as shared reading, letter work, guided reading, phonics, and read aloud stories
- Introduced to Conscious Discipline Classroom Management System
- Experienced Lucy Calkins' Into the Book literacy tool
- Worked with Special Education Teacher to help meet the needs of all the students in the classroom
- Learned how to effectively manage an energetic group of students using many different strategies

### *Third Grade.* **Dickinson Elementary School.** De Pere, Wisconsin

(September 2011 – November 2011)

- Completed before school process of bulletin board creations, labeling process, overview lesson planning
- Implemented and assessed lessons in everyday Mathematics, Guided Reading, Café Strategies, writing, social studies; including WKCE prep
- Designed behavior plans to meet the needs of children with exceptional needs
- Documented and compiled information for generating first quarter report cards
- Helped conduct Parent/Teacher Conferences and participated in other parent meetings
- Differentiated instruction for Emotional/Behavioral Disorder (EBD), Special Education, and Gifted Students

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

School District of Menomonee Falls, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

(June 2012 – August 2012)

Summer School Teacher, Ben Franklin School, 5K Dramatic Play

## Westwood Elementary School, De Pere, Wisconsin

Reading Improvement Clinic, Grade Two

(*February 2011 – April 2011*)

- Administered Fountas and Pinnel and DRA reading assessments to determine and diagnose literacy needs
- Assessed student's reading level using a Sight Word Inventory and an Informal Reading Inventory
- Used a variety of approaches including creating games to increase child's comprehension, sight words, oral reading recognition comprehension, and writing skills

Pre-Service Teacher, Grade Three

(*September 2009 – October 2009*)

• Team taught math lessons from the Everyday Math Curriculum

St. Norbert Preschool Program, De Pere, Wisconsin

Preschool Pre-Service Teacher, Preschool

(September 2010 – December 2010)

- Closely assessed/observed a student
- Held parent teacher conference presenting a comprehensive report of progress, strengths and areas of improvement
- Developed lessons individually and in a team based upon the weeks themes

# Aldo Leopold Community School, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Pre-Service Teacher, Kindergarten

(March 2010- May 2010)

Created a unit that introduced students to biography texts and biography writing

# Eisenhower Elementary School, Green Bay, WI

Pre-Service Teacher, ESL Tutoring Saturday Program,

(*March 2010 - April 2010*)

• Worked one-on-one with various ages of ESL students on extra literacy practice

## Doty Elementary School, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Sophomore Block Pre-Service Teacher, Grade 1

(*November* 2009 – *December* 2009)

- Developed and taught unit plan in math, science, reading and social studies
- Assisted children with ADD, Anxiety, Speech impediments, EBD and LD

## Wrightstown Elementary, Wrightstown, Wisconsin

Pre-Service Teacher, Grade Four

(September 2009 – October 2009)

- Structured and team-taught a social studies lesson on colonial settlements
- Designed an e-textbook including research of the time and student work on an 'iWeb'

# MacArthur Elementary School, Germantown, WI

(*November 2007 – June 2008*)

• Organized National Honor Society tutoring program and personally worked in a first grade classroom

## ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCES

St. Norbert College Office of Admissions, De Pere, WI(April 2010 – May 2012)Great Lakes Packaging Corporation, Germantown, WI(May 2008 – January 2012)Cousins Subs LLC, Germantown, WI(July 2006 - August 2008)

# **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

- Logistics Committee Member of Knights for the Cure 5K Run/Walk for St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 2012
- UMOJA A Black Heritage Experience Green Lake, WI
  - o Team planned and led activities on African American Heritage to children ages 10 and under
  - o Team led a workshop on Kwanzaa to families
- Germantown/Richfield Relay for Life participated in walk and raised money for cancer
- Special Olympics Bowling Volunteer in Milwaukee and Green Bay

## SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Technology skills (Webpages, Smart Boards, Microsoft Office, iMovie, Inspiration, iTunes, Blogging, Dock Cameras)
- Experience in Balanced Literacy Programs and Handwriting Without Tears Training
- Virtus Training: Learning to recognize the warning signs of abuse and communicate concerns to protect children.
- Student Wisconsin Education Association, Student Member September 2010-May 2012
- St. Norbert College Student Government Association Admissions Committee Member September 2011-May 2012

### ATHLETICS EXPERIENCE:

NCAA DIII Varsity Track and Field, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI 2009 – 2012

NCAA DIII Varsity Cross Country, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI 2008 – 2011

- Team captain and Green Knight Award winner for two years for leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm
- Balanced academic career with that of athletic career and work study
- Learned more about leading and working within a team to succeed
- Compromised with and collaborated within a team of different ideas, beliefs, and goals