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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a teaching position in a preschool or elementary school classroom. Offering a passion for encouraging social and language development, integrating literacy across the curriculum, and developing self-motivated, lifelong learners.

EDUCATION

St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education, May 2013

GPA: 3.47/4.0

Minors: Early Childhood Education

German Language Certificate

Certification: Early-Middle Childhood (Birth-5th Grade)

STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Teacher, Integrated Kindergarten, *Johnston Elementary School, Appleton, WI, January – March 2013*

- Created and adapted lessons in all subject areas to meet individual academic, behavioral, and social needs
- Planned strategic guided reading lessons for large and small groups
- Implemented proactive behavior support system (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports-PBIS) and attended teacher inservices on the system
- Utilized Expected Behavior discipline principles

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pre-Service Teacher, 2nd Grade, *Martin Elementary School, Green Bay, WI, April – May 2011*

- Observed and assisted full time in a second grade classroom for five weeks
- Worked with second grade students to increase reading comprehension and literacy skills
- Developed lesson plans according to student's individual academic and social needs
- Assessed student progress through running records and diagnostic reports

Pre-Service Teacher, Preschool, *St. Norbert College Children's Center, De Pere, WI, October-December 2011*

- Worked with a five-year-old student on reading comprehension and literacy skills
- Worked to ignite and help cultivate a passion for reading and writing in a young student

Pre-Service Teacher, Preschool, *St. Norbert College Children's Center, De Pere, WI, February-May 2012*

- Observed and assisted Mondays and Fridays in the afternoon preschool classroom for one semester
- Worked with preschool students to increase literacy, mathematic, science discovery, and social skills
- Developed lesson plans and center activities to engage student's creativity and provoke new thoughts

Pre-Service Teacher, 1st Grade, *Annie Jackson Elementary School, Green Bay, WI, February-May 2012*

- Worked with a first grade ELL student to increase reading comprehension and literacy skills
- Developed lesson plans and activities to cater to the student's specific interests

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

International Reading Association, March 2010 – Present

Wisconsin State Reading Association, March 2010 – Present

Wisconsin Geographic Alliance Pre-Service Workshop, *St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2010, 2011, 2012*

Member, Student Wisconsin Education Association, *St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, September 2009-Present*

- Attended monthly educational meetings for pre-service teachers
- Attended local pre-professional development and leadership seminars
- Served as a "Bigs and Littles" mentor to first year education majors, September 2010-Present
- Volunteered tutoring and helping at various events at local elementary schools

Presenter, Statewide Equity and Multicultural Conference, *CREATE Wisconsin, Green Bay, WI, April 2012*

- Collaborated with peers to create a presentation entitled "Developing Culturally Relevant and Multicultural Teaching Plans"
- Attended workshops on social justice and multicultural equity in education

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Student Representative, St. Norbert College Office of Admission, *St. Norbert College Ariens Family Welcome Center, De Pere, Wisconsin, August 2010-Present, Summers 2011-2012*

- Serve as intern to the Student Credentials Analyst, Mrs. Deborah Gord
- Develop leadership and public relations skills to represent St. Norbert College in the best possible way
- Conduct tours of campus, participate in, and assist in planned programs for prospective students
- Represent the college at community and recruitment events in the tri-state area, including college fairs, college nights, and high school senior award nights
- Serve as a hostess for prospective students on overnight visits
- Assist with front desk responsibilities, mass mailings, operating office databases, and other miscellaneous office tasks
- Participate and assist in social, cultural, marketing, and organizational activities sponsored by the college

Teacher's Aide, Girls Leadership And Development (G.L.A.D.) Summer Camp, *St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, July 2012*

- Served as a positive role model to young girls in grades one through eight
- Through lesson plans and activities helped young girls build confidence and leadership skills, foster positive body images of self and others, and encouraged campers to set high-reaching goals
- Planned field day event and activities

COMMUNITY SERVICE and LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Volunteer, Good News Project, Inc., *St. Lucia, West Indies, January 2011, January 2012, January 2013*

- Worked with students in public, private, special needs, and at-risk schools
- Built homes for families living in extreme poverty
- Built a resident facility for young at-risk females

President, St. Norbert College Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter, *St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2011- 2013*

- Promote among peers and community members a greater awareness of the need for decent and affordable housing and encourage a deeper commitment to social action
- Help build and rehabilitate houses in partnership with the Greater Green Bay Area Habitat for Humanity
- Develop and raise funds for Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity and Habitat International
- Plan and run weekly e-board and large group meetings, service opportunities, and fundraising events
- Coordinate weekly trips to volunteer at the Green Bay Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Vice President and ReStore Volunteer Committee Head, St. Norbert College Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter, *St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2010-2011*

- Assisted chapter president in planning fundraising events, weekly meetings, and service opportunities
- Coordinated weekly trips to volunteer at the Green Bay Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Trip Leader, Turning Responsibility Into Powerful Service (T.R.I.P.S.), *St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2012-2013*

- Led five peers on an international two-week service project focused on international poverty to St. Lucia, West Indies
- Served as a liaison between my peers and the Good News Project, Inc.

Mentor, First Year Experience (F.Y.E.), *St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2010-2012, Summers 2011-2012*

- Served as a mentor/figure present in the lives of first year students as they transition into college
- Helped to organize, plan, and run incoming first year student summer orientation program
- Planned weekly meetings and sessions with topics pertaining to transitioning, academics, and campus involvement

AXIA Retreat Leader, St. Norbert College Campus Ministry, *St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, September 2011*

- Worked with a group of five peers to plan and coordinate all aspects of the AXIA III Retreat
- Gave a talk to retreat participants sharing my personal growth in my own faith journey

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean's List

St. Norbert College Founder's Award, 2012

Sally Thompson Endowed Scholarship, 2012

St. Norbert Teacher Education Leader in Exceptional Attitudes & Dispositions (L.E.A.D.) Award, 2012

Norbertine Leadership and Service Award, 2011, 2012

John F. Kennedy Scholarship for academics