

Application Related Information

Application: Application Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MIT

Iteration Name: 202510_GR_G
Program Name: MITU

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Meaghan Anderson
Recommenders Institution: Hands On Children's Museum

Recommenders Title: Director of Education

Contact Name: Payton Ervine

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 08/20/2023 09:28 AM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000110334714

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:

Time since last contact with applicant:

Applicant as productive member of group:

Relationship with Applicant:

Applicant most significant strengths:

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:

Responsibility/reliability:

Communication Skills - Oral:

Communication skills - written:

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Ability to work independently:

Ability to handle stress:

Ability to think critically:

Ability to analyze/problem solve:

Ability to think creatively:

Openness to feedback:

Potential for leadership:

Ability to work in a team:

Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

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Other Information

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Hands On Preschool

August 20th, 2023
Evergreen MiT Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to recommend Payton Ervine for the Masters in Teaching program at The Evergreen State College. I have worked with Payton at the Hands On Children's Museum since June, 2021. For two years of our time as coworkers, I was his direct supervisor as he taught camp programs and was an assistant preschool teacher in our preschool program. Currently, Payton lead teaches full time in our education program, and also supports additional programs in other departments. During our time working together, I have observed his teaching extensively, overseen his lesson and curriculum planning in camp and school year settings, watched him collaborate with other lead teachers, and appreciated his leadership of junior staff and teaching assistants. While Payton is still quite young, he has been a valuable employee in the three major departments at the museum to the point that the other leadership and I often meet to figure out how to best share him and the time he has here! Payton is beloved by everyone who works at the museum, as well as the families he interacts with as an educator.

I was so thrilled to hear that Payton wants to continue his journey to become a certificated teacher. His enthusiasm and energy have always inspired me and others at the museum, and I can only imagine how his verve would positively impact a public school setting. Beyond his energy and willingness to give his all is a strong drive to learn and to improve his practice. He often asks for feedback and always submits his curriculum well in advance (even when it's not a requirement), because he genuinely wants to grow. This summer, he created two brand new LEGO camps for the museum, that were some of the most exciting versions of our age five to seven curriculum I've seen here. LEGO is a passion of Payton's, so it made sense that his work that week was exemplary. However, I have on good authority that Payton does not love bugs, and his Bugs and Butterflies camp for the summer was another camp that was highly successful. One parent review from our weekly camp survey included praise for Payton that represents what I see from him on a daily basis: "Payton's amazing! My kids love him so much!"

Payton strikes me as an ideal candidate for a masters program, as he is constantly seeking growth and loves to learn. Culturally, our museum is a better place for having his work ethic, positivity, and energy (I know I use this word a lot, but Payton has an energy that is absolutely his greatest superpower). I strongly recommend him to your program, and would be happy to share more about why Hands On Children's Museum loves Payton and supports his next step to become a master teacher.

All best,

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