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Summary of Qualifications

- Ten years of working as a paraeducator, working primarily as a reading interventionist aiding students with scholastic need, tailoring and implementing curriculum in Special Education, and assisting in classroom management, as well as providing educational assistance in middle school grade level science classrooms.
- Six years of experience working as a site director, two years as a summer camp director, and one year as the curriculum coordinator for the South Sound YMCA Child Development programs.
- Strong interpersonal skills with students, staff, and parents.
- Adept at maintaining communication pathways and applying conflict-resolution skills, as well as confidentiality.

Education

- **The Evergreen State College, Olympia WA** **2006-2008**
Bachelors of Science, Emphasis in Microbiology
Relevant Coursework: Biology, Organic Chemistry, BioChemistry, Molecular Biology, Virology, and Immunology
- **South Puget Sound Community College, Olympia WA** **2004-2006**
Associates of Arts
Relevant Coursework: Basic General Chemistry, General Chemistry I, Organic and BioChemistry, General Biology I, II, & III, Intermediate Algebra, Intro to Probability and Statistics, PreCalculus I & II, Developmental Psychology, Child Development, Intro to Sociology, and College Writing I & II

Experience

Paraeducator

Reeves Middle School, Olympia School District, Olympia, WA **02/2022 – Present**

- Assisted in classrooms that had a higher number of students with IEP's, primarily in science and math
- Adapted to different rolls and maintained flexibility as the needs of the school and building community changed on a semi-regular basis.
- Oversaw large groups of students to ensure safety, maintain order, and enforce school standards.

Roosevelt Elementary School, Olympia School District, Olympia, WA **09/2014 – 06/2021**

- Trained in reading intervention to develop and strengthen student's fluency, comprehension, phonemic awareness, and phonological skills.
- Adapted and implemented reading curriculum to tailor to student's individual needs through kinesthetic, visual, and auditory learning.
- Supplemented curriculum topics by bringing in external resources to enhance lessons and further engage students.
- Taught small group reading intervention for students in grades K-5th.
- Tailored and implemented curriculum for students with IEP's in the Special Education program, working in small groups and individualizing lesson plans to meet the student's needs.
- Oversaw large groups of students to ensure safety, maintain order, and enforce school standards.

Site Director

South Sound YMCA Child Development, Olympia, WA **02/2009 - 08/2015**

- Conceptualized and designed curriculum for all of the local chapter's before and after school care programs incorporating themes involving athletics, art, STEM, and multicultural.
- Presided over one of the before and after school care sites of approximately thirty children ages five to eleven, implementing curriculum, coordinating team-building activities, and emphasizing and encouraging a sense of unity and community within our group as well as maintaining consistent communication and involvement with parents.

- Supervised the Theater and Arts Camp for two summers as Camp Director, leading a team of six to eight staff, delegating tasks and responsibilities, overseeing a group of 60+ children ages five to thirteen, contacting and corresponding with parents and guardians, creating weekly newsletters outlining the curriculum and activities the children would be engaging in, and collaborating with staff to produce and direct a final performance executed by all the camp participants.
- Supervised and presided over the weeklong overnight Resident Camp at Camp Bishop for two summers, leading a team of four to six staff, delegating tasks and responsibilities, coordinating outdoor activities such as archery, canoeing, hiking, plant identification, group games, outdoor arts and crafts, campfire, and yoga, as well as ensuring outdoor safety, monitoring and assisting in medical needs of students, and consistent accountability and whereabouts of all campers and staff.
- Maintained records, confidentiality, and parent connections for the site being worked at.

Math and Science Tutor

The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA

09/2006 - 08/2008

- Assisted fellow college students in better understanding concepts in the fields of biology, biochemistry, organic chemistry, general chemistry, algebra, and pre-calculus.