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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Arts in Teaching – Special Education student seeking a field experience opportunity in special education.
- Prior experience as a student teacher and nanny with a strong understanding of special education and strategies for supporting children's intellectual, social, and personal development.
- Collaborated with parents, colleagues, and community members on behalf of students' needs and developed creative, engaging instructional activities to promote positive learning experiences.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Teaching: Special Education

Walden University | Minneapolis, MN

Expected: 2026

Curricula Experiences:

- Assessing literacy needs to design explicit instruction and interventions for reading development
- Using multiple measures to develop individualized education plans
- Designing and implementing lesson plan units and activities for diverse learners
- Developing classroom and individual behavior management plans
- Utilizing informal and formal assessment tools to inform instructional decisions
- Collaborating with education professionals and stakeholders

Bachelor of Arts in Education, Special Education and Elementary Education

Western Washington University | Bellingham, WA

May 2022

Curricula & Technology Utilized:

- Reading - Read Naturally, Reading Mastery, DIBELS, AIMSWEB, and StoryTown
- Math - Investigations and Read it, Write it, Draw it
- Science - FOSS Science Kit
- Technology - Clicker 5 training, IEP Online experience, proficient with document camera, and Microsoft Office programs
- RTI - Training and experience in Response

CERTIFICATION

Washington State Residency Certificate

Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

May 2022

Endorsements: Special Education, P-12; Elementary Education

RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Teacher

Dublin National School 4th Class (Ages 9-10) | Dublin, Ireland

Oct 2021 - Jan 2022

- Lived and taught in Ireland through Global Student Teaching, adjusting effectively in distinct cultural environment.
- Adapted lessons to provide for individual differences, including four English Language Learners and two students with special needs.
- Implemented efficient behavior management system, creating a positive learning environment.
- Planned, created, and delivered lessons based on Irish National Curriculum Standards.
- Incorporated technology into lessons with Interactive Whiteboard, PowerPoint, and Word.
- Maintained positive lines of communication with families through weekly "newsletter."

Special Education Student Teacher

Carl Cozier Elementary | Bellingham, WA

Sep 2020 - Jan 2021

- Taught in K-6 resource room with both pull-out and push-in programs.
- Designed, planned, and implemented math, reading, writing and social skills lessons for small groups of varying skill levels based on Common Core State Standards.
- Assessed students using Woodcock-Johnson and Brigance Inventory of Early Development.
- Collaborated regularly with general education teachers about lesson adaptations and accommodations for students.
- Coordinated 13 students' schedules to ensure most participation in general education setting possible.

- Created individual behavior plans with appropriate rewards and consequences.

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Lifestyle Advisor-Ally Building Network
Western Washington University | Bellingham, WA

Jun 2021 - Sep 2021

- Organized and facilitated weekly workshops to identify stereotypes of race, gender, religion, and culture.
- Developed on-campus activities devoted to community building and embracing diversity.

Nanny
Private Family | Spokane, WA

Jun 2020 - Sep 2020

- Cared for child with severe disabilities (8-10), creating fun activities to enable involvement.
- Met regularly with parents to discuss child's activities and development.
- Helped develop and monitor family schedule.