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CERTIFICATION Elementary and Special Education (in application process)

EDUCATION **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA 1997-2001
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary and Special Education
Concentration: Child and Society
Cumulative GPA 3.60 (as of 2000)
Member of Phi Delta Kappa and Golden Key National Honor Society

STUDENT TEACHING **Charles Devine Elementary School**, Randolph, MA Sept/Oct, 2000
GRADE 2

- Guided students through the five stages of the writing process.
- Developed and implemented an integrated thematic unit on dinosaurs using a literature-based approach, hands-on math and science, cooperative learning to conduct research and computer technology.
- Implemented class and individual behavior management programs.
- Introduced the concept of fractions utilizing a variety of manipulative and children's literature.
- Planned instruction to interest and meet needs of students of all ability levels.
- Attended Open House, professional development seminars and pre-referral team meetings.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE TEACHER Nov/Dec, 2000
GRADES 1-6

- Worked with students identified as learning disabled, speech and language impaired, seriously emotionally disturbed, ADD/ADHD.
- Provided services to special education students within the general classroom.
- Adapted curriculum and modified instruction for those with IEP.
- Incorporated goals and objectives of IEP into classroom instruction.
- Participated in a CORE team meeting.
- Instructed first grade student one-to-one a daily basis on basic skills.
- Created and taught reading lessons for a third grade small group.
- Assisted fifth grade students in the writing process by brainstorming, organized of thoughts, revising, editing, aiding research and scripting.

**PRACTICUM
EXPERIENCE**

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE TEACHER (GRADE 1-4) Spring, 2000
Academy Avenue Elementary School, Weymouth, MA

- Provided services in general education classroom and within resource room.
- Observed the administering of the Woodcock-Johnson Revised Test of Achievement and reading inventories.
- Utilized a multisensory approach to phonics instruction for third grade students within the resource room setting.

GRADE 4 Fall, 1999

Garfield Elementary School, Brighton, MA

- Whole class instruction in language arts.
- Lesson planning required recognizing the diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds of students.

GRADE 2 Fall, 1998

Oakdale Elementary School, Dedham, MA

Applied a hands-on approach to teaching math.

**RELATED
EXPERIENCE**

Various Positions held since June, 1994 with the
East Hartford Parks and Recreation Department, East Hartford, CT including:
SPECIAL OLYMPICS COACH 1995-2000

- Led athlete training sessions - track and field, softball, bowling.
- Responsible for 24 hr. supervision of athletes on competition weekends.

PRESCHOOL CAMP COUNSELOR Summers, 1997-1999

- Supervised daily activities including arts and crafts, music, games, and gross motor movement activities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CAMP COUNSELOR Summer, 2000

- Planned and organized daily activities for 25 participants ranging in age from 5-21 with varying disabilities including MR, SEM, LD and autism.

**COLLEGE
ACTIVITIES**

Member of the Counsel for Exceptional Children (CEC)

Urban Immersion Volunteer

- *one-week program providing direct service to impoverished people*

Project 2000 Tutor

Student Ambassador Program