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OBJECTIVE: To obtain a teaching position where I can motivate and educate students, and to provide a stimulating and safe learning environment, using my experience, passion and empathy as an educator.

EDUCATION:

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan

Graduate Teacher Certification Program, 27 credits hours towards Masters in Education Completed program and earned Teaching Certification April 2013

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan

Bachelor of Arts, 164 credit hours, graduated August 2009 Major: English Minor: Political Science

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Bachelor of Arts, 151 credit hours, graduated May 2003

Major: Advertising and Sociology Minor: Telecommunications

EBC International TEFL Certificate course, Madrid Spain

Graduated with EBC International TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Certificate.

TEACHER EXPERIENCE:

Student Teaching: Rockford High School, Rockford, MI December 2012 to April 2013

- Was the primary teacher for 11th grade English, 11th grade Honors English and Technical Writing.
- Created, delivered and administered original lesson plans, tests, assignments and projects for all three classes.
- Followed school mandated curriculum while connecting to Common Core State Standards.
- Adhered to, followed and made accommodations for numerous students' 504 Plans.
- Frequently observed other classes during my prep period.
- Was a proctor for the Michigan Merit Exam.
- Regularly attended school events like talent shows, football games, volleyball matches, and soccer games.

Teacher Assisting: Rockford High School, Rockford, MI September 2012 to December 2012

- Team-taught with mentor teacher.
- Wrote lesson plans and graded papers and assignments.
- Observed other classes in my major, minor and other subjects.
- Gradually took over all teaching duties.

Peace Corps, Indonesia

April 2011 to May 2011

- Taught English as a second language in Indonesian high schools.
- Received training in ESL teaching, community development and in the Indonesian language and culture.
- Had to return home after a month of service because of a family illness.

ELS Language Schools, Fukuoka, Japan

May 2007 to August 2008

- Taught Japanese and Korean men, women and high school students English grammar, reading, writing and conversation.
- Adhered to and supplemented a curriculum designed to prepare students to live and study in an English speaking country.
- Created and administered tests that determined if a student had mastered their curriculum and were ready to move to the next level.
- Performed level-checks on new students to determine their current ability and where they should be placed.

Interac Co. Ltd, Fukuoka, Japan

September 2006 to August 2008

- Team-taught with Japanese English teachers in 4 public Japanese junior high schools.
- Used my own original curriculum, and that designed by the Japanese English teachers and from the textbook.
- Was able to participate in activities outside of teaching English such as school ceremonies, playing guitar for students and giving presentations on international topics.
- Worked in Special Education classrooms.

Private Classes, Fukuoka, Japan

September 2006 to August 2008

• Taught three Japanese women conversational English through private classes.

EBC International Language School, Madrid, Spain

September 2004 to July 2005

- Taught Spanish business professionals and children English grammar, reading, writing and conversation.
- Wrote, developed and used my own curriculum.
- Helped train new teachers.
- Gained extensive knowledge of Spain's educational system, Spanish culture and Spanish business.

Private Classes, Madrid, Spain

September 2004 to July 2005

- Taught Spanish men, women, and children English grammar, reading, writing, and conversation.
- Tailored curriculum and lessons to the specific needs of the student (conversation, traveling, school, job, etc.).
- Had the unique opportunity to teach in Spanish homes and to become friends with entire Spanish families.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Fire Up Student Teacher Conference, Allendale, MI

March 4, 2013

 Attended four varying professional development sessions on how to become a more effective educator.

Helping Students Get Along, Rockford, MI

February 19, 2013

• Attended and participated in a professional development session, at Rockford High School, concerning how to prevent and constructively deal with bullying in schools.

Differentiated Instruction, Grand Rapids, MI

January 29, 2013

• Speaker, Jacque Melin, instructed on the implementation of differentiated instruction in student achievement.

School Law, Grand Rapids, MI

November, 13, 2012

 Speaker, Coni Sullivan, conveyed teacher's rights and responsibilities as related to school law.

Reading and Writing Strategies, Rockford, MI

October 24, 2012

• Attended a professional development session, at Rockford High School, concerning reading and writing strategies to meet Common Core State Standards.

Fire Up Student Teacher Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

October 22, 2012

 Attended four varying professional development sessions on how to become a more effective educator.

Differentiated Instruction, Grand Rapids, MI

September 25, 2012

• Speaker, Jacque Melin, instructed on the importance of differentiated instruction in student achievement.

Common Core Standards, Rockford, MI

August 29, 2012

• Attended a professional development session, at Rockford High School, concerning reading and writing strategies to meet Common Core State Standards.

Bright Ideas Conference on the English Language Arts, East Lansing, MI March 18, 2006

- Attended four varying professional development sessions on how to more effectively educate in the English Language Arts.
- Played a part in the organizing and carrying out of the conference.

TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

- SmartBoard Interactive White Board
- Course Sites classroom websites.
- Blackboard Collaborative Learning System
- Moodle
- Wimba Classroom Online Collaborative Software for video-conferencing
- Collaborate Online Collaborative Software for video-conferencing
- Wikispace creation
- Blog creation

- Weebly (website) creation
- Podcast creation through Garage Band and Audacity.com
- Document cameras (Elmo)
- Google Docs, and Earth
- Video creation through Windows Live Movie Maker
- Web 2.0 Animoto, Xtranormal, Blabberize, Vimeo, Dropbox, Flickr, Picasa
- Presentation Aides PowerPoint, Prezi, Keynote, SlideShare
- Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Friends of Grand Rapids Parks, Grand Rapids, MI

September 2011 to Present

• Groomed and maintained public parks around the Grand Rapids area.

Movember, Grand Rapids, MI

November 2011 to Present

• Annually organized a group of men to grow mustaches during the month of November, as part of an international effort to raise money for cancer research.

St. Baldricks, Grand Rapids, MI

February 2011

• Organized and partook in a national effort to raise money and show solidarity for child cancer victims by shaving our heads.

United Memorial Hospital Foundation, Greenville, MI November 2009 to February 2011

• Planned, organized and carried out charity balls for Greenville Community Hospital.

Amnesty International, Fukuoka, Japan

December 2007 to July 2008

- Planned and carried out events to raise awareness and money for human rights issues.
- Wrote letters for such issues and situations as violence against women Darfur and Tibet.

Baan Unrak Orphanage, Sangkulaburi, Thailand

December 23 to 29, 2007

- Taught English and environmental classes.
- Organized and put on a Christmas play and sports day for the children.
- Helped make a vegetable garden and performed building upkeep for the orphanage.
- Fundraised over 2000 dollars for the orphanage, including raising money through running a marathon and selling goods made by the orphanage.
- Played with and interacted with the children as much as possible.

PEPY Sustainable Development Tour, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

August 4 to 14, 2007

- Tested water for arsenic in a small village and made water filters.
- Taught environmental lessons at an orphanage.
- Interacted with and learned from many local people.
- Fundraised over 1000 dollars that was spread out among the NGOs we visited.

Green Bird, Fukuoka, Japan

July 2008 to August 2008

- Picked up trash in Fukuoka city and at beaches around the city.
- Helped to raise awareness of keeping the city streets and beaches clean.

Montcalm Adult Reading Council, Greenville, MI

November 2005 to August 2006

- Taught an Indian Family English grammar, reading, writing and conversation.
- Helped the family with additional things like finding health insurance and paying bills online.

Michigan State University Food Drive, East Lansing, MI

July 2002

Helped sort out and organize food items donated to Michigan State University

American Youth Soccer Organization, Grand Rapids, MI

September to November 1997

• Was assistant soccer coach of a youth soccer team

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERICE:

Server/Bartender/Trainer
The Green Well, Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 2008 to present

Server/Bartender/Trainer Chili's Grill and Bar, Kentwood, Michigan

September 2003 to July 2004 and October 2005 to August 2006

Shift Manager/Bartender/Server/Cook/Trainer Crunchy's Bar and Grill, East Lansing, Michigan

April 2002 to August 2003

ACTIVITIES:

- -Writing, performing and recording music
 - Playing guitar, ukulele, piano, mandolin and singing
 - Songs can be listened to at www.deubner.bandcamp.com
- -Playing Soccer, basketball, volleyball, running and biking
- -Traveling, geography and voluntourism
- -Reading
- -Writing fiction

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