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Objective

A middle school language arts teaching position.

Education

- **Certification:** IL Type 03; Middle School Endorsement: Language Arts
- **Master of Education**, Educational Leadership, University of Illinois, Chicago
- **Bachelor of Arts**, Humanities, Shimer College, Chicago, IL

Experience

Abu Dhabi Education Council, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 8/2010 – 1/2011 **3rd Grade Teacher**

Provided instruction in mathematics, science and English to native Arabic speaking 3rd grade boys in a government run school.

- Planned and delivered culturally appropriate instructional activities and strategies for ESL students with a wide range of abilities.
- Developed engaging instructional materials.
- Assessed, monitored and reported student progress.
- Managed the behavior of learners in an instructional setting.
- Created and organized a text rich learning environment.
- Participated in professional development.

Great Books Foundation, Chicago, IL **National Trainer**

8/1999 – 6/2009

Provided nationally recognized intensive professional development for teachers grades K-12 in reading comprehension, literature discussion, critical thinking, and writing.

- Led Shared Inquiry Discussions of literature with students from Kindergarten-adult.
- Provided instruction in the Shared Inquiry method of learning using Junior Great Books.
- Created customized workshops and presentations.
- Presented more than 40 workshops per year nationwide.
- Demonstrated the use of Shared Inquiry in a variety of classrooms.
- Coached teachers in implementing the Junior Great Books program.
- Collaborated with school and district instructional leaders to plan long-term literacy improvement, including Comprehensive School Reform projects.
- Developed technology applications for on-going professional development.
- Long-term projects achieved significant improvement in reading comprehension.

Teachers Academy for Mathematics and Science, Chicago, IL 11/1990 – 8/1999 **Academy Teacher/ Professional Developer**

Improved mathematics and science teaching and learning in Chicago Public Schools.

- Taught students in grades K-8 at Academy schools throughout Chicago.
- Modeled hands-on math and science lessons for students and teachers.

- Provided instruction using the Teaching Integrative Math and Science program (now Math Trailblazers), FOSS, CEPUP, GEMS, AIMS and other standards based curricula.
- Designed and modeled differentiated science and technology lessons.
- Created and implemented a conceptual physics class for at risk students at Crane HS.
- Coached teachers in teaching strategies for mathematics, science and technology.
- Consulted with schools and administrators to develop school technology plans.
- Collaborated with scientists at Argonne and Fermi National Laboratories.
- Developed, published and maintained the TAMS web site.
- Academy schools showed significant improvement in Mathematics and Science.

Anderson Community Academy, Chicago, IL
Student Teacher

9/1997 – 12/1997

Shared teaching responsibilities in a self contained 5th grade classroom.

- Created and delivered lessons in all content areas.
- Developed and taught a hands on unit about Newton's Laws of Motion.
- Delivered instruction using the Success For All program.
- Organized field trip and assembly.
- Collaborated with teachers and staff to provide services for all students.

Glencoe Montessori School, Glencoe, IL
Teacher

9/1985 – 6/1988

Taught 3-8 year olds in a self-contained, multi-age, active-learning environment.

- Facilitated learning for 3-8 year olds using Montessori learning methods.
- Created original lesson plans, learning materials and manipulatives.
- Differentiated instruction so that all children could learn.
- Organized and planned field trips and special projects.
- Developed and maintained classroom library.
- Conferred with parents to communicate children's progress.

Professional Recognitions

- National Staff Development Council – Academy graduate – Two and a half year program focused on developing expertise for leading and facilitating professional development in schools and districts.
- Illinois Computing Educators – Award for outstanding website received for creating the Teachers Academy for Mathematics and Science website.
- Educational Networking Consortium, Argonne National Laboratory – certified instructor – a collaboration of school districts and other organizations providing Internet access to educators in the Chicago area.
- Illinois Science Teachers Association – Presented at three annual conferences.
- Illinois Association for Gifted Children – Presented at annual convention.
- Iowa Talented and Gifted Association – Presented at annual convention.

Technology Skills

Microsoft Office Suite, website design, HTML, digital photography, PC and Macintosh OS, computer maintenance and troubleshooting, basic networking, file management.