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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Master's in Art Education (2014-2016)

University of Wisconsin – Superior

Bachelor of Science in Studio Art, Minor in Anthropology
(May 2010) 4.0 cumulative GPA

American University in Cairo, Egypt

Art History and Middle Eastern Studies (2008 – 2009)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Seven years of experience teaching art in public schools
- Practiced in interdisciplinary curriculum development
- Ability to think critically, modify, and adjust
- Skills in differentiation, GRR, & choice-based teaching
- Familiarity with IB unit development (Category 1 training)
- Certified to teach AP Studio Art Drawing and 2D Design Courses
- Experience with PBIS and the Charlotte Danielson Framework
- Presenter at the Arkansas Art Educators Association Conference

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prairie Seeds Academy | Minneapolis, MN

6-12 Art Teacher (January 2016 - present)

- Created curriculum for art classes in each grade level 6-10, as well as Studio Art and AP Studio Art elective courses
- Crafted and facilitated daily lessons aligned with National Core Art Standards, Minnesota State Standards, and International Baccalaureate frameworks
- Developed an AP Art Program and introduced the first AP class to our high school course catalog
- Served as National Honor Society Advisor

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Champaign, IL

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Saturday Art School, Writing Tutor, & Everyday Arts Lab (August 2014 – December 2015)

- Assisted in college level courses on best practices and curriculum development in art education
- Sample taught lessons and provided feedback on lessons taught by undergraduate art education students
- Aided in the writing process and provided feedback and copy editing for students of Art and Design

Lee County School District | Marianna, AR

K-6 Art Teacher at Whitten Elementary and Anna Strong Intermediate Schools (August 2010 – August 2014)

- Guided differentiated and cross-curricular learning through the visual arts, incorporating Arkansas State Standards, Common Core Standards, and Cognitively Guided Instruction into art lessons
- Created lesson plans and facilitated classroom management for 450+ students each week
- Organized a functional classroom space and created a positive environment for all students to learn

Teach for America | Arkansas & Mississippi Delta Regions

Investment, Community, Execution Group (ICEG) Leader (May 2011 – December 2011) and Art Learning Team Leader (August 2013 - May 2014)

- Guided the development of effective classroom management, instructional planning, and community relations of first and second year teachers through in person and conference call sessions
- Provided additional support to individual corps members based on personal and classroom needs
- Developed a rubric and diagnostic tool as resources for all regional art corps members
- Communicated with regional staff members regarding teacher progress, successes, and difficulties

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

Delta Health Alliance (Summer Internship 2013)

- Developed a curriculum for school gardens to coincide with fifth grade Common Core Math and English Standards, Mississippi State Standards, and objectives of the Mississippi Food Policy Council

Professional Saturday Course Leader (January 2012 – May 2013)

- Co-designed the curriculum for, gathered feedback, continually improved the effectiveness and relevance of instruction, and facilitated, a semester long course to meet certification needs of current Teach for America teachers

Exceeding The Odds and After School Program Tutor (October 2010 - May 2014)

- Adapted curriculum for and presented lessons to a group of ten first (Exceeding the Odds) and third (After School) graders in math and literacy through afterschool programs

Local Volunteer Work

- Relay for Life Team Organizer, Paint the Town Volunteer (local low-income housing initiative), Marianna Beatification Committee Member, Partners in Pride Committee Member, and Keep Arkansas Beautiful Volunteer Recruiter