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Education

May 2014

Minnesota State University, Mankato

GPA: 3.8

Bachelor of Science, Special Education

Academic and Behavioral Strategist (ABS)

This cross-categorical license permits teaching students with mild/moderate learning disabilities, emotional/behavioral disorders, autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities.

Educational Experiences

Spring 2014

Pioneer Ridge Middle School

Chaska, MN

Full-time Student Teacher: 8th Grade SLD Resource Room; Caseload 17 Students

Responsibilities

Primary mathematic skills and reading skill lesson developer and instructor; Plan Co-teaching lessons; Engage student learning in all settings; Monitor and grade student progress; Manage student and classroom behavior; Create a safe and respectful environment; Use of positive behavioral supports and feedback to learners; Attend Professional Development Seminars.

Administrative Work

Evaluation planning; Conducting academic and behavioral assessments; Develop behavioral support/intervention plans; IEP planning and writing; Plan daily lessons aligned with individualized learning targets and state standards; Grade and monitor course work and IEP goal progress.

Fall 2013

Washburn Elementary School

Bloomington, MN

Clinical Experience: Cross-Categorical Resource Room (60 hours)

Grade Levels k-5; Disabilities: Mild/Moderate ASD and OHI

Responsibilities: Conduct academic assessments in math, reading and writing; develop instruction based on assessment results; monitor student progress throughout lessons.

Spring 2013

Normandale Hills Elementary

Bloomington, MN

Clinical Experience: DCD Setting 3 and SLD Tier 3 Classroom (90 hours)

Grades k-5; Disabilities Severe DCD and Mild/Mod. SLD

Responsibilities: Develop and teach small group lessons in reading and writing, conduct a FBA; teach on-on-one and small groups. Complete academic assessment and summary; progress monitor/CBM.

Fall 2012

Le Sueur-Henderson High School

Le Sueur, MN

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Clinical Experience: EDB Resource Room (60 hours)

Grades 9-12; Disabilities EBD and OHI

Responsibilities: Observe mentor teacher; support student learning; conduct an FBA; create a BIP based on results.

Professional Experience

Personal Care Assistant

May '12-Current

St. David's Center; Child and Family Development

Minnetonka, MN

Sept. '12-Current

Aspiration Home Experience

Shakopee, MN

Provide in-home assistance in completion of all daily living tasks to an adult male with severe DCD, cerebral palsy, and a seizure disorder and a young male with Angelman syndrome.

Responsibilities

Promote socialization, assist in community involvement, Dynavox communication device, teach alternative communication (adapted sign language), and support fine and gross motor need, assessing and responding to seizures, advance developmental skills, monitor and manage behaviors,

Oct. '06-Feb. '13

Target Team Member

No primary work center; Versatile team member.

Responsibilities: Time management; lead small teams; organization and strategizing maintenance and affairs; positive communication and interactions; collaboration; performance ownership.

Extracurricular Activities & Volunteer Opportunities

Sept. '12-May '13

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

Grade 9 Tutor at Mankato West High School Mankato, MN

AVID is a college readiness system that accelerates student learning using research-based methods of effective instruction to guide students toward academic and personal excellence.

Responsibilities: Grading assignments and participation, facilitating tutorials, supporting student learning, model success, positive behavioral support

Jan. '12-Dec. '13

American Sign Language Club

ASL Club President

The goal of ASL Club was to promote Deaf Culture and Language while immersing members in real language experiences offering a continuum of practice opportunities.

Responsibilities: Organize and lead meetings and activities; promote Deaf culture; coordinate fundraisers.

Fall '12- May '13

Leisure Education For Exceptional People (LEEP)

LEEP is a non-profit organization that organizes recreational and leisure opportunities for community members with developmental disabilities.

Responsibilities: Participating in weekly events; promote and support participants one-on-one and in small groups; communicate, socialize and develop positive and respectful relationships.

Awards & Honors

Recipient of a College of Education Scholarship; awarded by Vera Mae Cowling, Jane Neubert, and Bunny Just for a total amount of \$1500.00.

MNSU Dean's list in Spring '09, Spring '12, Fall '12, and Spring '13 for outstanding academic achievement.

References

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