

 **Objective:**

To increase my knowledge of highly effective teaching practices in order to teach, inspire, and motivate the students I work with.

Education:

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Lansing, Michigan Graduation: Summer 2013
Masters of Arts and Education GPA: 4.0

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY Allendale, Michigan Graduation: April 2008
Bachelors of Science GPA: 3.778 Dean's List: 6 Semesters
Major: Psychology/ Special Education Minor: Elementary Education
Michigan Endorsements: Cognitive Impairment (SV) and Emotional Impairment (SE)

MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE Muskegon, Michigan Graduation: May 2004
Associates of Science and Arts GPA: 3.100

Relevant Experience:

Aug 12-Present Churchill Elementary Norton Shores, MI

Teacher Consultant

- ◆ Team-teach various subjects to a classroom with both special education and general education students
- ◆ Work with a team to organize and develop IEPs
- ◆ Consult with classroom teachers and collect and evaluate data
- ◆ Provide reading interventions to students with an area of need

Aug 10- 12 Reeths-Puffer High School Muskegon, Michigan

Special Education Teacher, Resource and Team-Teaching

- ◆ Modify and adapt the general education curriculum while maintaining high standards of achievement
- ◆ Organize, develop, and lead IEP and re-evaluation meetings on annual bases
- ◆ Work with the general education teachers to ensure that students with varying disabilities are successful in the general education setting.
- ◆ Work on annual goals with students and keep up-to-date documentation on progress

Aug 08- Aug 10 Oceana Intermediate School District Hart, Michigan

Special Education Teacher, MO-CI Self-Contained Middle School Room

- ◆ Develop instruction based on the Extended Grade Level Content Expectations and adaptive behavior deficits
- ◆ Organize, develop, and lead IEP and re-evaluation meetings on annual bases
- ◆ Supervise and instruct two paraprofessionals
- ◆ Administer and score achievement testing

**Professional Development:**

2010-2012	PEAK Training ♦ Intensive training on effective engagement strategies to improve students' learning	Muskegon, Michigan
2009-2010	Student Led IEP Training ♦ developed a student led IEP initiative, created a new transition assessment for the OISD	Hart, Michigan
Mar 09 & 10	Transition Conference (MTSA) ♦ Attended numerous breakout sessions on the latest trends and laws in transition (student led IEPs, SPP 13)	Frankenmuth, Michigan
Fall 2010	Down Syndrome Association Conference ♦ Learned strategies and tools to promote success for students with Down Syndrome	Muskegon, Michigan
Fall 2010	Board Maker Training ♦ Learned how to make visual supports using the Board Maker program	Hart, Michigan
2009-2010	START Intensive Training ♦ Year-long training of multidisciplinary school-based teams using a comprehensive curriculum that addresses the key issues related to Autism Spectrum Disorders	Ottawa Area ISD
Fall 2006	Reading First Conference ♦ Gained insight for optimizing reading support in inadequate schools	Muskegon, Michigan

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“I am able because I think I am able”***-Virgil***