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**OBJECTIVE:**

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To obtain a teaching position in which I can enhance the developmental growth of children by effectively meeting students' unique needs.

**EDUCATION:**

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**Michigan State University: Master of Arts in Education** January 2013 - August 2014 (Anticipated)

- Concentration: Literacy Education
- Currently completed 24 out of 30 graduate credits with a 4.0 GPA.

**Michigan State University: Bachelor of Arts** August 2006 - May 2010

- Major: Special Education Learning Disabilities K-12
- Certified in: Elementary Education K-5, Special Education K-12, Language Arts 6-8
- Studied Abroad in June 2008, Michigan State University: *Disabilities in a Diverse Society*, Dublin, Ireland.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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- *Michigan:* Elementary K-5 all subjects (K-8 All Subjects Self Contained Classroom), Special Education: Learning Disabilities K-12, Language Arts 6-8
- *North Carolina:* Elementary K-6 all subjects, Language Arts 6-9, Special Education: General Curriculum K-12.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

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**Endeavor Charter School**  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Teacher**  
July 2011- June 2014

- Worked with students' diagnosed with Specific Learning Disabilities, Other Health Impairments, and Autism Spectrum Disorder following an inclusion based co-teaching model with small group pull-out sessions. Previous experience in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.
- Responsible for all statewide special education paperwork to ensure compliance with North Carolina Department of Instruction.
- Scheduled and conducted all IEP, Referral, Eligibility Determination, and Reevaluation meetings.
- Generated IEP goals to align with Common Core State Standards.
- Administrated assessments and educational testing (IRI, Fountas and Pinnell, WJ-III ACH).
- Differentiated lessons, modified instruction, implemented interventions, and remediated low achieving students.
- Collaborated daily with General Education Teachers, Special Education Team Members, Psychologists/Related Service Providers, NC Department of Instruction, and Parents.
- Special Education Team Leadership Representative (2012-2013).

**ECS Enrichment Program**  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**Academic Mentor**  
October 2012- June 2014

- Hosted weekly tutoring program for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

## **INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE:**

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### **Averill Elementary School**

Lansing, MI

### **Student Teacher**

September 2010 - April 2011

- Taught in a 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom (one semester) and K-3 Resource Room (one semester).
- Participated in Child Studies, IEP meetings and Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Administered Pre and Post assessments through curriculum based and informal measures.
- Collaborated with parents, special education team members and general education teachers on a daily basis.
- Participated in Professional Development days, March Reading Month Committee, and an extra-curricular 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleading program.

## **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCES:**

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### **YMCA: Oak Park Branch.**

Lansing, MI

### **Summer Camp Counselor**

Full time May - August 2009, 2010

- Responsible for children ages 5-12 (planned weekly lessons, activities, and field trips)

### **Residential Options Inc.**

Lansing, MI

### **Direct Care Worker**

December 2008 - February 2010

- Worked on socialization and verbal skills with a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

### **KinderCare**

Rochester Hills, MI

### **Daycare Instructor**

Full time May - August 2007, 2008

- Responsible for care of children (infants-12 years)
- Held daily meetings with parents to discuss their child's developmental learning and progress.

## **SPECIAL TRAINING:**

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- Certified in Adult/Child CPR (2014-2016)
- Participated in NC Department of Public Instruction quarterly meetings (2011-2014)
- Certified in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention with National Crisis Prevention Institute (2013)
- mClass: Reading 3D by Amplify Insight (2013)
- Special Education Law In-Service with Jeff Butler LaPointe & Associates (2011)
- Applied Behavior Analysis Training (ROI, Lansing, 2008)