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EDUCATION

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ December 2012
Master of Education in Special Education, *magna cum laude*
Standard Professional Cross-Categorical Special Education, K-12

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN May 1991
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Autism Society of Greater Phoenix Annual Conference

September 2019

- Understanding Dyslexia in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis, Effective Intervention, and Self-Worth

North Valley Support Group of the Autism Society of Greater Phoenix

September 2019, October 2018

- Understanding Dyslexia in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis, Effective Intervention, and Self-Worth
- Executive Functioning Skills in Children with Learning Disabilities

East Valley Autism Network

September 2017

- Executive Functioning Skills in Children with Learning Disabilities

TEACHING

Private Teacher and Tutor

May 2014 – Present

- Develop student-focused curriculum utilizing evidence-based programs
- Provide one-on-one lessons for students with dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADHD, auditory processing disorder, and executive function difficulties
- Teach explicit, direct, and systematic instruction that is carefully individualized to meet the needs of each student
- Incorporate multi-sensory teaching techniques with a structured literacy approach
- Implement classroom instruction supported by cutting-edge assistive technology

Special Education Teacher

Arizona School for the Arts, Phoenix, AZ

Resource Center, Grades 5-12

August 2013 – May 2014

- Worked collaboratively with teachers to develop lessons that focused on academics as well as transition service supports
- Developed IEPs that honored student needs while collaborating with other team members to support student growth
- Designed effective instructional lessons with measurable and clear objectives that were aligned to standard

Special Education Teacher

Ingleside Middle School, Phoenix, AZ

Learning Resource Center, Grades 6-8

January 2013 – May 2013

- Developed lesson plans and instructional materials and provided individualized and small group instruction in order to adapt the curriculum to the needs of each student
- Facilitated academic interventions from general classroom interventions to collaborating on referring students for special education evaluation
- Assisted in providing staff with ongoing professional development, and general assistance with implementing accommodations

Special Education Teacher

Arcadia High School, Phoenix, AZ

Learning Resource Center, Grades 9-12

August 2012 – December 2012

- Team-taught English classes for students with learning differences and introduced students to classic and contemporary literature
- Developed and revised IEPs for students as necessary; provided instruction consistent with students' IEPs, using strategies, methods, and materials appropriate to the students' abilities, needs, and learning styles
- Used formal and informal assessments to develop individualized programs designed to address specific skills in the areas of math, spelling, reading comprehension, writing, and study skills
- Coordinated with the multi-disciplinary team in developing and using community based instructional environments

Special Education Teacher

Archway Classical Academy – Veritas, Phoenix, AZ

Exceptional Student Services, Grades K-5

January 2012 – May 2012

- Instructed lessons using a multi-sensory approach to support students' reading, writing, listening, speaking, and organizational skills
- Implemented a team-teaching approach with students and general education teachers
- Collaborated with students, parents, special education teachers, and paraprofessionals regarding individual students' IEP progress and needs
- Differentiated and adapted curriculum materials for students

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Counselor II

Maricopa Managed Care Systems

Arizona Long Term Care, Phoenix, AZ

1996 - 1999

- Managed medical and social cases for the elderly and physically disabled
- Developed individualized assessments to address clients' medical and social needs
- Assisted with discharge planning and identifying adequate placement resources

Human Service Specialist II

Arizona Department of Economic Security, Flagstaff, AZ

Division of Developmental Disabilities

1993 - 1996

- Managed cases for children and adults with developmental disabilities
- Facilitated Individual Service Program Plan and interdisciplinary team meetings
- Monitored progress of ongoing case plan; visited homes, counseled clients and their families

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Dyslexia Association

Arizona Families for Home Education