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EDUCATION

**HASTINGS COLLEGE,** Hastings, NE– *Bachelor of Arts – May 2018*

Majors - Elementary Education K-8 and Special Education K-12 GPA 3.60

NAIA National Champion – Track & Field

**CHADRON STATE COLLEGE,** Chadron, NE– *Master of Education MEd*– May 2022

Major - Reading Specialist PK-12 GPA 4.00

STUDENT TEACHING & FIELD EXPERIENCES

St. Libory Elementary School, St. Libory NE - Fall 2020 - Current

**Special Education 5-8**

* Developed effective lesson plans to address standards and student’s needs.
* Adapt lesson plans to accommodate specific learning disabilities of students.
* Monitor daily objectives with specific student learning goals.
* Develop a life skills curriculum.
* Caseload of 14 students - IEP

Grand Island Northwest High School, Grand Island NE - Fall 2018 - 2020

**Special Education 9-12**

* Taught general education students as well as individuals with learning challenges and special needs within a mainstreamed, inclusive classroom.
* Developed effective lesson plans to address standards and student’s needs.
* Adapt lesson plans to accommodate specific learning disabilities of students.
* Monitor daily objectives with specific student learning goals.
* Provide Instruction support in an Algebra 1 classroom.
* Caseload of 20 students - IEP and 504 plans

Lincoln Elementary, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – Spring 2018

**4th Grade – Student Teaching**

* Designed and implemented daily lesson plans for classroom of 22 students.
* Attended my students IEPs

Hastings High School, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – Spring 2018

**Special Education – Student Teaching**

* Was a co-teacher in the History department
* Taught geography for special education students.
* Partnered with a mentor teacher to work on IEP files.

Grand Island Senior High School, Grand Island Public Schools, Grand Island, NE – Fall 2017

**Special Education 9-12 & Transitional Service Programs**

* Provided help to individual students, small groups and taught whole class lessons
* Supported teachers in the Transitional Learning Program that students attend after high school until 21
* Visited job sites and participated in the community learning experiences of students

Hastings Public Middle School, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – January 2017

**Special Education, 6th Grade**

* Provided help to individual students, small groups and whole class lessons
* In the classroom we Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint and Spreadsheets
  + While at Hastings I took Instructional tools training for these programs.

Lincoln Elementary, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – Spring 2017

**Special Education K-5**

* Guided learning for individual students, in small groups and in whole class settings in a behavioral classroom, developing capabilities
* Developed lesson plans with diversity and strategies to provide support for all students

Hawthorne Elementary, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – Spring 2017

Longfellow Elementary, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – Spring 2017

***Science Club, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade, 25+ students***

* Created lesson plans for Science club every Wednesday for two semesters
* Prepped supplies for each lesson
* Co-taught with two other teachers per lesson

**First Grade**

* Provided help to individual students, small groups and whole class lessons
* Developed lesson plans with diversity and strategies to provide support for all students
* Worked with a case study student to develop lessons and tasks to improve reading ability & test scores
* Administered DIBLES testing to a student
  + Officially trained in DIBLES while at Hastings College

Watson Elementary, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – Fall 2016

**4th Grade Clinical Field Experience**

* Provided help to individual students, small groups, and whole class lessons
* Developed lesson plans with diversity and strategies to provide support for all students

**Special Education Field Experience**

* Provided help to individual students, small groups and whole class lessons

Lincoln Elementary, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – Spring 2015

**First Grade**

* Provided help to individual students, small groups, and whole class lessons
* Completed 25 hours of field experience (American Schools class)

Longfellow Elementary, Hastings Public Schools, Hastings NE – Fall 2015

**Special Education, Room K-5**

* Provide help to individual students and small groups

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

* Hastings College Track and Field Team – 2014 - 2018
  + NAIA National Champion
  + 7 time NAIA All American
  + All American Scholar Athlete
* Food4Thought – 2017 - 2018
  + Officer in food insecurity program that packs 100 meals each week that are delivered to the Hastings Public Elementary Schools for needy families over the weekend
* Hastings College Student Association – 2017 - 2018
  + Student Senator for the Education Department
* BACCHUS – 2015 - 2016 (Boosting Alcohol and Drug Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students)
  + Provide peer education and presentations, informing students about safety protocols and prevention strategies
* Student Education Association – 2015 - 2018
* Chi Omega Psi - Campus Social Sorority – 2016 - 2017
* Special Olympics, Hastings, NE – 2015-2017
* Planned Literacy Night – November 16th, 2017
  + Planned literacy night for 94 students at Alcott Elementary
  + Worked with students at each literacy station
  + Worked with principal for setup
  + Collaborated with other teachers to create the event

WORK EXPERIENCE

St. Libory Elementary School, St. Libory, NE August 2020 – Current

* 5-8 Special Education Teacher
* Work with the 14 students on my caseload including IEPs
* Assistant coach for HS softball and MS track
* Head coach for 8th grade girl’s basketball

Grand Island Northwest High School, Grand Island, NE August 2018 – May 2020

* 9-12 Special Education Teacher
* W with a wide range of students, specifically those with learning disabilities, behavior and life skills
* Assistant coach for softball and track

Little Blossoms Daycare, Blair, NE 2013 – 2018

* Worked with children ages ranging from 6 weeks to 12 years
* Created lessons for school aged students during the summer months

South Creek Conference Center, Blair, NE 2014 – 2018

* Set up prior to events and clean up after events
* Developed exceptional customer service skills
* Furthered my ability to multi-task efficiently

Blair Youth Softball Association, Blair, NE 2011 – Present

* Grounds Crew during tournaments
* Umpire for several games