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Education

Doctor of Philosophy: Sociology [Student] – (September 2008 - June 2012).
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

Master of Arts (Sociology) - University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
(September 2006 – August 2008)

Bachelor of Education, Primary-Junior Division – Faculty of Education, University of
Western Ontario: London, Ontario, Canada (September 2004 – April 2005)

Electives: English Language Arts in Elementary Schools & English As A Second
Language

? Recipient of the Practice Teaching Excellence in Primary-Junior award (June 2005)

Bachelor of Arts, Major: Honors Sociology – King's College, University of Western
Ontario: London, Ontario, Canada (September 1998 – April 2002)

Additional Qualification Courses

French As A Second Language –Part 1 – Faculty of Education, University of Western
Ontario: London, Ontario, Canada (July 2005)

Teaching Experience

Supply Teaching (April 2007 – June 2008)

Avon Maitland District School Board

✉ Responsible for filling in the absence of the regular classroom teacher

Teaching Assistant (September 2006 – present)

University of Waterloo, Sociology Department

✉ Assisted in three second year university courses (The Sociology of Education,
Gender Relations, Sexuality and the Law, Introduction to Sociology)

✉ Responsible for meeting with students and answering their questions

✉ Responsible for test, exam, essay and assignment marking

Kindergarten Teacher (September 2005 – June 2006)

American Creative Academy, Kuwait City, Kuwait

✉ Implemented a kindergarten program for students of English as a second language.

Student Teaching – Grade 3 (March 21 – April 15, 2005)

Ashley Oaks Public School, London Ontario

✉ Created and implemented an integrated science unit on “Force & Motion” with
“Measurement” in math and also with computer classes.

✉ Prepared and taught an author study based on three different reading levels.

- ✍ Implemented a positive classroom management plan based on foreseeing potential problems before they occurred.

Student Teaching – Grade 6 (November 29, 2004 – December 17, 2004)

Knollwood Park Public School, London Ontario

- ✍ Created and implemented an integrated literature, art, and drama unit on “A Christmas Carol.”
- ✍ Completed several social studies lessons and a unit test on “Canada and its Trading Partners”
- ✍ Implemented a positive classroom management approach based on mutual respect, fairness, and follow-through.
- ✍ Lessons involved cooperative learning, rubric creation and utilization, hands-on/minds-on experiences, and interdisciplinary teaching.

Student Teaching – Junior & Senior Kindergarten (October 12 –29, 2004)

Bishop Townshend Public School, London Ontario

- ✍ Implemented a positive discipline plan that promoted student responsibility, problem solving skills, and student accountability.
- ✍ Prepared and taught math, art, and language lessons to JK and SK students.
- ✍ Prepared and taught science lessons to Grade 1, 2, and 3.

Teacher's Assistant –Volunteer (September 4, 2003 – October 7, 2003)

Orchard Park P.S. (Grade 5), Sir Isaac Brock P.S. (Grade 4), and Wilfred Jury P.S. (Grade 1), London Ontario

- ✍ Worked one-on-one with students in language arts, social studies and mathematics.
- ✍ Worked with ESL students on language comprehension
- ✍ Assessed students' levels of literacy
- ✍ Organized and helped during literacy centres

Other Work Experience

Primerica Financial Services & PFSL Investments (London, Ontario)

Personal Financial Representative (2001 - present) Part-Time

- ? Helped clients achieve their financial goals and their insurance and mutual fund needs.
- ? Prospected and dealt directly with clients.
- ? Sorted and reviewed resumes and conducted interviews of possible candidates.

Alyshia.Com (London, Ontario)

Webmason (1996 - present) Part-Time

- ? My own business creates and maintains websites.
- ? Conduct intense Internet research prior to design.
- ? Create internet websites including graphics and maintaining each with regular updates

Maplewood Computing Ltd. (London, Ontario)

Software Testing & Translation (May 1999 - August 1999 and April 2000 – December 2000)

- ? Tested software against expected performance and translated program and its applications from English into French.
- ? Researched how administrative educational computer programs were used by schools and teachers.

Volunteerism & Other Skills

- Vice President Finance, Student Council (September 2004 – May 2005)
Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario
 - Big Sister Volunteer (January 2003 – August 2005)
 - Strong computer skills including: MS Office, Internet browsers, Paint Shop Pro.
 - Interested in participating in literacy development and grade level curriculum writing.
 - Enjoy traveling, website designing, reading, painting, and cooking.
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