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Major

ENGLISH EDUCATION-SECONDARY

Student Teaching Semester

FALL 2011

Anticipated Certification & Endorsement

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- Minor- TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
 - Endorsement- Middle Level Education
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Pre-Clinical Experience

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- UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL- While at UHS I was assigned to a Science-Fiction classroom where I aided the teacher in everyday classroom activities such as taking attendance and making copies. I would also help lead discussions on books that were being read and answer student's questions when applicable. In addition to aiding the teacher, I myself created and taught a three day unit on Pulp-Fiction.
 - HEYWORTH HIGH SCHOOL-I observed a Spanish II classroom while on this site.
 - MCLEAN COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER- I observed their classroom while on this site.
 - STREATOR HIGH SCHOOL-I observed sophomore, senior, and remedial English classes while on this site.
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Background Information

Throughout my college career, thus far, I have been recognized as an Illinois State athlete by being a member of the ISU cheerleading team for four years; My last year on the cheerleading team I was also a senior captain. I have been employed at two locations as well: The Athletic Study Center where I was a monitor to the athletes, and still, I waitress, bartend, and train new employees at a restaurant. Along with waitressing, I am currently the Assistant Coach of the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleading teams at University High School.

Educational Philosophy

I believe the more engaged students are, the more they learn and remember. The twenty-first century learner deserves to have the experience of a well developed lecture as well as integrative activities as well. As a pre-service teacher I find it important to be prepared, organized, and knowledgeable in my content area, but with technology as well. Today students are being raised with the constant use of technology and I feel it is important to use that in the classroom as a facilitation device rather than a teaching device. As a pre-service teacher I believe it is my obligation to give students every opportunity to learn and challenge their own ability, given the proper tools to succeed.

Related Skills

- I am a very organized person which will benefit me when I am managing multiple classes.
- I am personable and a team player which will help me to know my co-workers and students quicker.
- My minor is focused on teaching second language learners and how to meet their specific needs. This can give me the opportunity to teach non-traditional students.
- My endorsement in middle level education can allow me to expand the grade levels I teach.

References

Andrew Miller- (309)-310-9359
Josiah Pearson- (309)-261-9051
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