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#### **EDUCATION**

Miami University (August 2021-May 2023)

Master in Education in Special Education

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Oxford, OH

#### Miami University (August 2012– May 2016)

Oxford, OH

Bachelor of Science in Education

Educational Psychology, Special Education: Mild to Moderate Educational Need

Cumulative GPA: 3.67/4.0 (3.72 in Major)

Dean's List: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016 Highly Qualified Teacher: Science, Math, English Language Arts

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Miami University - Guest Speaker in undergraduate ISE Assessment course (April 2022, April 2023)

Presented self-created materials outlining evaluation criteria, qualifications, historical information, data overview, resources, and
practice materials regarding the Alternate Assessment for students with cognitive disabilities.

# Wyoming City School District: Wyoming High School (August 2020-present)

Wyoming, OH

9<sup>h</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Intervention Specialist, Cross Categorical Classroom (August 2020-present)

- Currently implementing rigorous, long-term differentiated plans and leading daily lessons following the Ohio Common Core
  Extended Standards for all content areas, including Employability Studies.
- Managing a caseload of students with intellectual disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and emotional disturbances to provide specially designed instruction in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, adaptive behavior, and behavior management skills.
- Member of the Special Education Advisory Council and Strategic Planning Committee for Wyoming City School District.
- Collaborating with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities and Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services in order to identify and secure supports for students and families.
- Currently working with the special education leadership team to create and implement a corrective action plan to address disproportionality within the district.
- Taught core content and provided specially designed instruction and progress monitoring for both virtual and remote students simultaneously through a variety of platforms during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Special Education Department Chair for the 2022-2023 school year providing instructional support to Intervention Specialists
  and general education staff, reviewing and editing IEPs, assisting in scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year, advocating for
  students regarding inclusive practices, leading meetings, and creating transition-based instructional activities to support a variety
  of post-secondary and competitive employment goals.
- Attended professional development and implemented culturally diverse instructional practices through the R Factor training and the Lexia reading program.
- Created collaboration between students, families, and the local police department to practice self advocation strategies and increase independence for a new student driver.
- Attended the virtual OCALICON conference, created, shared, and implemented resources with the building to support the needs
  of identified students in the inclusive setting.
- Mentored and oversaw a long-term substitute Intervention Specialist completing graduate coursework to obtain her licensure by supporting IEP writing, lesson planning, data collection, parent communication, and co-teaching instructional strategies.
- Currently mentoring a teacher through the first years in the field and the successful completion of the RESA program.
- Model of Excellence Winner of the district-wide Impact Award- April 2023

### Hamilton City School District: Hamilton High School (August 2016- August 2020)

Hamilton, OH

10th-12th Grade Intervention Specialist, Functional Skills Cohort (August 2019-August 2020)

- Created and implemented a Social Communications Classroom for 6 students with Autism Spectrum Disorder through collaboration with The Kelly O'Leary Center and Cincinnati Children's Hospital.
- Created, implemented, and monitored behavior intervention and student crisis plans for 6 students.
- Obtained a \$1,000 grant through the Greater Cincinnati Foundation for social and vocational experiences to apply academic
  content outside of the classroom and assisted students in post-secondary and independent living skills.
- Collaborated with related service personnel to create cross-curricular planning of content and functional curriculum.
- Created and implemented a district-wide crisis intervention plan utilizing a systematic and supported approach to responding to crises in the educational setting.
- Managed, trained, and collaborated with educational assistants to increase academic growth and student safety.

10th-12th Grade Intervention Specialist, Functional Skills Cohort (August 2017-May 2019)

- Created rigorous long-term differentiated plans and led daily lessons following the Ohio Common Core Extended Standards for Science and the Ohio Common Core Standards for Mathematics.
- Managed a caseload of 8 students with intellectual disabilities and OHI-minor to provide specially designed instruction in the
  areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and adaptive skills.
- Wrote and implemented Extended Standard Science Curriculum maps for grades 10-12.
- Led professional development groups bimonthly to increase teacher positivity and morale through discussions of real-world teaching applications and implementation of classroom support systems.
- Obtained a \$1,000 grant through the Greater Cincinnati Foundation for community and vocational experiences to assist students in gaining functional life and work skills for post-secondary employment.

- Collaborated bimonthly in professional learning communities.
- Created and implemented a progress monitoring data tracking system that is utilized by the adaptive and life skills cohorts.
- Mentored a first-year Intervention Specialist.
- Selected by the district to attend the Ohio Educator Technology Conference and completed Alternate Assessment training.
- Coordinated and collaborated with a home instructor to provide specially designed instruction and content material for a student. 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Intervention Specialist, Specific Learning Disabilities Cohort (August 2016-May 2017)
- Managed a caseload of 20 students with Specific Learning Disabilities, OHI-Minor, and Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Collaborated across all core and elective curriculum areas to support the needs of a caseload of 20 students.
- Provided specifically designed instruction, wrote IEPs, progress monitored students, and participated in two professional learning communities: Special Education and Geometry.
- Co-taught two sections of Geometry while providing accommodations and modifications to the general education curriculum.
- Created rigorous, long-term differentiated plans and led daily lessons following the Ohio Common Core Mathematics Standards in a resource room setting for students.
- Maintained a parent communication log for all students and utilized two-way communication to inform and plan instruction.
- Created an internship between two families to assist a student in meeting transitional activities and fostering advancement for post-secondary planning.

# **Student Teaching: Western Row Elementary School** (August 2015-December 2015)

Mason, OH

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Inclusion Intervention

- Taught 19 students in a third-grade mild to moderate cross-categorical classroom.
- Developed strategies to build relationships and effectively provide specially designed instruction in the areas of reading and math to students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Specific Learning Disabilities, and OHI- Minor.
- Collaborated with teachers, parents, and educational assistants, wrote IEPs, progress monitored students, participated in
  department meetings, independently wrote and taught daily lessons, and volunteered at a variety of school functions.
- Created and implemented behavior plans for students with Autism and OHI-minor.

#### PRE-SERVICE EXPERIENCE

### Senior Capstone: Kramer Elementary School (Spring 2016)

Oxford, OH

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ESL Tutor

• Increased literacy and technology skills to a second-grade ESL student through Digital Storytelling.

### Field Experience: Talawanda High School (Spring 2016)

Oxford, OH

10th Grade Tutor

• Participated in the Miami Connections Program: Mentored an "at risk" student.

#### Field Experience: Lakota West High School (Spring 2015)

West Chester, OH

- Co-taught a 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade Life Skills classroom with an Intervention Specialist within a moderate to intensive classroom setting.
- Assisted Intervention Specialist in instruction of Math and Science in a mild to moderate setting and provided one-on-one academic support.

### Field Experience: Middletown Middle School (Fall 2014)

Middletown, OH

8th Grade Inclusion Classroom

- Co-taught English Language Arts and Social Studies lessons in a general education setting.
- Administered Spelling and Math Reasoning Inventories.

### Study Abroad (Winter 2014)

Caye Caulker, Belize

Elementary, High School, and Adult Education Tutor

- Tutored two students enrolled in the Primary School at the Infant 1 level (equivalent to kindergarten) that were English Language Learners with a focus on reading and writing the English alphabet.
- Assisted a high school student in creating a digital story.
- Tutored adults in English Language skills.
- Worked alongside the Vice Principal of the Primary School to develop and implement a resource binder of Special Education supports for "at risk" students, students with Learning Disabilities, and ADHD.

# Field Experience: Crosby Elementary School (Fall 2013)

Harrison, OH

4th Grade General Education Classroom

• Assisted in developing a literacy lesson plan for "at-risk" students.

# Field Experience: Winton Woods Middle School (Fall 2013)

Winton Woods, OH

7th Grade Cross Categorical Classroom

Provided one-on-one educational supports for students in Math and Science.

# WORK EXPERIENCE

# NWSRA- Northwest Special Recreation Association (May 2011-August 2016)

Rolling Meadows, IL

Summer Site Director: (Summer 2015-2016) Promoted from counselor. Responsibilities included the day-to-day operation of camp, administering medication, planning field trips, collaboration with parents, ensuring safety for all participants, assigning participant groups and delegation of tasks to staff.

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Intervention – June 2015, May 2016, August 2019, August 2020-2022 Cincinnati, OH IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham 30-Hour Training- November 2020 Cincinnati, OH

TEACCH Autism Program- Fundamentals of Structured TEACCHing- training program, virtual July 2021

Cincinnati, OH