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Objective

Passionate and dedicated educator who hopes to obtain a teaching position where I can create a safe, inclusive, and engaging classroom environment. Eager to incorporate movement-based learning to support academic and emotional growth for all students.

Education

Hope College – Holland, MI

Expected Graduation: December 2025

Bachelor of Arts: Elementary Education (K-6)

Michigan Standard Teaching Certificate with endorsements to teach Elementary PK-3 all subjects (ZO) and Emotionally Impaired (SE), grades K-12

Cumulative GPA: 3.81/4.00

Dean's List 6/6 semesters

Classroom Experience

Student Teacher – 2nd Grade

August 2025-December 2025

West Shore Elementary – Fenton, MI

- Designed and implemented phonics lessons tailored to support a diverse range of students' needs, using data from standardized assessments to guide instruction
- Implemented movement techniques and strategies to support emotional regulation
- Collected and analyzed behavioral data to support IEP development and progress monitoring

Teacher Assistant – 1st-5th Grade, Special Education

January 2025-May 2025

Pinewood Elementary – Jenison, MI

- Planned and implemented math and english lessons tailored to support individual students with emotional impairments by incorporating sensory tools to promote focus and written expression
- Provided individual support to help students achieve IEP goals and contributed to progress monitoring through data collection
- Integrated movement-based learning through kinesthetic teaching strategies

Teacher Assistant – Pre-Kindergarten

September-December 2023

Jefferson Elementary – Holland, MI

- Assisted with daily classroom activities in a STEM focused, Pre-K classroom.
- Supported students individually in performing hands-on STEM projects that foster skills in science, mathematics, and engineering.
- Developed and implemented age appropriate STEM projects that align with NGSS standards for students to complete

Teacher Assistant – Tenth Grade, Special Education

January-April 2021

Zeeland West High School – Zeeland, MI

- Supported behavioral management and organization within the classroom
- Differentiated reading lessons by organizing and breaking down passages for students with learning disabilities
- Performed assessments in various subjects including math, reading, and writing to create individualized support and target goals for students

Teacher Assistant – Children and Adults

January-April 2021

Art For All – Holland, MI

- Assisted with an art and dance class for individuals with special needs, encouraging art as a calming method and as a stress reliever
- Choreographed dances for performances while fostering a safe space and positive community
- Assisted students one-on-one with art projects and provided individual support as needed

Work Experience

Dog and House Sitter

Independent Contractor – MI

September 2020-Present

- Maintained and cleaned both inside and outside of homes
- Provided pet care, including maintaining a regular schedule of medication, feeding, walking, and time outside

On-Call Special Needs Babysitter

Independent Contractor – Linden MI

September 2020-Present

- Provided care and support to children with special needs including individuals with autism and Down Syndrome
- Collaborated with parents to implement individualized routines and behavioral support plans

Assistant Teacher

Miss Bridget's School of Dance – Fenton MI

September 2016-June 2021

- Modeled movement for students to help improve their technique
- Assisted lead dance instructor with classroom management and technique, in various dance styles including tap, jazz, hip-hop, ballet, and contemporary for ages 4-18

Assistant Teacher

Vic Bond Sales - Flint MI

- Assisted with customer sales and service on showroom floor
- Handled billing and filling procedures

College Leadership and Involvement

Sigma Omicron Dance

Hope College – Holland, MI

January 2024-May 2025

- Implemented community-building events to support the community within the Hope College Dance Department such as; Meet The Department, Senior Sendoff, and other community building events.

Dance Teacher's Assistant

Hope College – Holland, MI

August 2024-December 2024

- Modeled movements and maintained classroom management in the class

Hope College Orientation Leader

Hope College – Holland, MI

August 2023

- Guided first year students through move-in, campus navigation, and orientation activities.