

KATIE THILL

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OBJECTIVE

To continue expanding my teaching pedagogy as a Spanish teacher.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Major concentration in Biology

Minor concentration in Spanish

Ann Arbor, Michigan

April 2010

Michigan State University

Masters in Literacy and Special Education

East Lansing, Michigan

Jan. 2012 – present

CERTIFICATION

Michigan Provisional Secondary Certificate

Endorsements: 6-12 Biology, K-12 Spanish

Adult/Child CPR and First Aid

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Elementary Spanish Teacher

Sonoma Elementary, Harper Creek Community Schools

Battle Creek, Michigan

Aug. 2010 – present

- Refined the Spanish curriculum for K-4 grades incorporating cultural, literacy and technology based lessons to broaden the Spanish exploratory background for elementary students
- Collaborated with principal to create a specials schedule to accommodate the Spanish curriculum
- Designed an 8th grade Spanish Proficiency examination with fellow Spanish teachers
- Incorporated Spanish literacy components with Spanish sight word books, music, and poetry lyrics, continuous repetition of vocabulary, and TPR vocabulary building activities
- Implemented technology projects including student-created Spanish country PowerPoints, online fairy tale stories and vocabulary activities, interactive student gaming website for Spanish numbers, and various vocabulary building games similar to children board games.
- Attended multiple board meetings and professional development opportunities including a world language conference, classroom management and cooperative learning workshops and new teacher guidance meetings offered by the district

Student Teacher 7th and 8th Science

Scarlett Middle School

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Jan. – April 2010

- Designed and implemented original two-week Vertebrate Research Project and Disease Project for 7th grade incorporating technology based lessons with student PowerPoint presentations
- Constructed and piloted a new inquiry based curriculum using backwards design planning with multiple representations and differentiated instruction for a nine week Unit Plan on Human Body Systems including 3 mini-unit plans on the Digestion, Respiratory, and Circulatory Systems
- Created a classroom management plan involving a journal question and seating chart coupled with teacher-student based rules/procedures and a consequence discipline system
- Incorporated technology in daily lessons using computer-based lab experiments, blogs, internet researching, presentations, videos, content animations, and a class website for assignments
- Head Coach for 7th and 8th grade girls Track team and Assistant Coach for volleyball teams

Pre-Student Teacher 9th Grade Biology

Huron High School

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sept. – Dec. 2009

- Independently designed and taught a 3-day biology lesson involving laboratory experiments followed by sense-making discussions.
- Helped teach experimental mini-lessons; modeled by and co-planned with Cooperating Teacher
- Observed and managed individual student learning in group interactions and discussion activities

Apprentice Teacher 3rd Grade Spanish

Ann Arbor Language Partnership Bach Elementary

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sept. – Dec. 2009

- Implemented and promoted language diversity, learning, and achievement through kinesthetic and interactive instruction
- Developed classroom management skills in a collaborative teaching environment using a seating chart and discipline system made by the teacher and students
- Engaged and deepened students meaning of cultural and current events through videos and music

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Professional Education Services Group

Substitute Teacher

Washtenaw County, Michigan

Dec. 2009 - present

- Collaborated with school staff to follow lesson plans and administrative procedures while assuring the natural flow of the educational experience
- Maintained flexibility and high energy level in dynamic and potential stressful environments.
- Gained experience in a multitude of settings with students and personal from a range of racial, cultural, intellectual, and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Implemented my own lesson plans and explored ways of communicating and motivating students

LEADERSHIP

U of M Recreational Sports Department

Intramural Sports Field and Building Supervisor, Referee

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Jan. 2006 – Jun. 2010

- Club Supervisor of the year 2009
- Received training and gained experience in risk management and emergency situations
- Established an active leadership role overseeing fields and courts and evaluating referees
- Acquired valuable communications and customer service skills interacting with crew members and players
- Improved confidence and decision making ability while working 20-25 hrs/week during college

Wolf Communications, Inc.

Graphic Designer

Owosso, Michigan

May 2006 - August 2006

- Designed State Rep Richard Ball re-election brochure and summer camp booklets, rock concert tickets and posters, various t-shirts, and U of M scholarship packets using Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Excel, and Microsoft Word
- Learned how to create websites, blogs, and moodle files and can incorporate these skills and technology into the classroom

University of Michigan Dance Marathon

Dancer Relations Representative

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sept. 2006 – Mar. 2009

- Spread awareness and raised funds for rehabilitative and pediatric therapies for children.
- Attended special events and danced for 30 hour marathon while working with disabled families.
- Oversaw fundraising logistics for six dance teams (100 students)

Alumnus of Alpha Gamma Delta International Fraternity

Financial Assistant

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sept. 2007 – Sept. 2009

- Recruitment officer to manage and coordinate recruitment events
- Managed and budgeted members dues and other finances

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Girls on the Run of Calhoun County Non-profit Organization

Program Coordinator, Board Member and 3rd/4th grade Coach

Battle Creek, Michigan

Mar. 2011- present

- Researched and wrote multiple grants for participant scholarship funds ~\$23,000
- Managed 80+ coaches with a Coaches Training Seminar, CPR trainings, Site Evaluations and continuous email contact updating them with information about the program and the development of their coaching site
- Planned and coordinated the end of the season 5k at our local zoo by securing sponsors, in-kind donations, and working with a committee organizing and implementing the 5k
- Implemented a curriculum encouraging girls to develop self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through running.
- Participated in activities and running events with the girls leading up to our final 5K event and was a running buddy to one of the girls during the final event

Spanish and English Tutor

Volunteer

Battle Creek, Michigan

Jan. 2012- present

- Created literacy materials, supplied resources and provided mini lessons after school for a Hispanic student learning to read in English.
- Offered tutoring services to mother of Hispanic student and am currently helping her learn the English language with her daughter after school twice a week and throughout the summer