

DONNA REED

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EDUCATION

The University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA May 2013
Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education
Teacher Certification in Elementary Education (K-6)
Endorsement: English as a Second Language (K-12)
GPA: 3.82/4.0, Dean's List, Old Gold Scholarship

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

ESL Student Teaching, 7th-9th Grade March 2013-May 2013
Prairie Point Middle School and 9th Grade Academy – Cedar Rapids, IA

- Organized a conversation partner program with 9th grade Spanish classes to promote bilingualism in the school and to expand students' cultural awareness
- Utilized the SIOP method to teach a week-long language arts unit on American holiday traditions
- Accompanied students on a field trip to a city council meeting where they actively voiced their opinions

Elementary Student Teaching, 1st-5th Grade January 2013-March 2013
West Liberty Elementary School – West Liberty, IA

- Administered TELPA, I-ELDA, DIBELS, and Rigby tests to assess student language acquisition and proficiency in comparison to Iowa state standards
- Created and distributed a student interest survey using Instagram and used results to personalize instruction
- Collaborated with 4 faculty members to establish a school garden with the students to teach them about nature, health, and community involvement

ESL Practicum, 9th-12th Grade October 2012-December 2012
50 volunteer hours completed, Muscatine High School – Muscatine, IA

- Designed a 2-week unit on the U.S. electoral process which included a mock presidential debate and prompted students to write an opinion column about the candidate of their choice
- Contributed ideas to cooperating teacher for the design of the 9th grade ESL curriculum
- Assisted students with homework in Chemistry, English, Algebra, Trigonometry, and World History

ESL Practicum, Kindergarten-3rd Grade March 2012-May 2012
50 volunteer hours completed, Hiawatha Elementary School – Hiawatha, IA

- Modeled strategies such as chunking and word family acknowledgement to improve reading skills
- Applied research-based behavioral management techniques to address bullying problems in the classroom
- Planned and facilitated a vocabulary review game that raised spelling test scores by 15%

Elementary Education Orientation Practicum, 2nd Grade October 2011-December 2011
30 volunteer hours completed, Lincoln Elementary School – Iowa City, IA

- Observed classroom procedures for the 2nd grade classroom with students from low-income families
- Worked privately with a student with multiple sclerosis during independent reading time
- Answered student questions about writing web outlines for written works

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Alternative Spring Break Trip Member March 2012
Memphis, TN

- Partnered with City Leadership to serve Memphis by restoring a historic cemetery, cleaning up a local school gymnasium, and helping run a play rehearsal for elementary-aged students
- Assisted with the preparation of classroom materials for an organization that provides educational services to adults with special needs

Bilingual Volunteer

January 2011-May 2011

Horace Mann Elementary School – Iowa City, IA

- Participated in recreational activities with 2nd and 3rd grade students in an after school program
- Strengthened personal Spanish speaking skills by communicating with students in Spanish
- Organized an end-of-the-year picnic for students and their families

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**Teacher Leader Certificate**

December 2012

College of Education, The University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

Workshops:

- Security and Privacy Considerations in Social Media
- Achievement & Income: Family Income Levels and School Success Patterns
- The Common Core: What Every Teacher Needs to Know
- Converting PowerPoints into SMART Notebook and Prezis
- Literacy Apps: Using Handhelds to Promote Literacy

Boot Camps:

- Technology: Technology Tools for the New Teacher: Tech in the Content Areas
- Community: Psychological and Medical Issues in Bullying
- Assessment: Diversity Among Gifted Learners: Twice Exceptional and Highly Exceptional Learners

Service:

- 40 hours completed at Horace Mann Elementary School in Iowa City, IA during the spring of 2011

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**Retail Associate**

August 2009-Present

Victoria's Secret – Coralville, IA

- Received extensive training on adapting professional behavior to specific situations, including conducting personal undergarment fittings and reacting positively to dissatisfied customers
- Proved competence and expertise of merchandise to customers with a variety of needs

Receptionist

August 2010-May 2011

Admissions Office, The University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

- Displayed patience and confidence when communicating with hundreds of anxious parents and students present in the office and over the phone
- Directed students and families to various locations around campus for tours and information sessions
- Created positive relationships with professional staff to build a comfortable and productive work environment

STUDENT ACTIVITIES**Member**, Hawkeye Ballroom Dance Company

January 2010-May 2013

Member, SistaSpeak

March 2012-May 2013

Publicity Chair, Walk It Out

August 2011-May 2012

Spirit Dancer, Dance Marathon

September 2009-February 2010