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OBJECTIVE Enthusiastic and dedicated aspiring educator seeking a full-time teaching position, where I can leverage my passion for teaching and three-plus years of practical experience.

CERTIFICATIONS **New York State Initial Teaching Certification**
Early Childhood Education (Birth-2)
Childhood Education (1-6)

EDUCATION **Niagara University** - Niagara University, NY
Masters of Science in Education
Special Education (All Grades)
GPA: 4.0 - Graduating May 2025

Bachelor of Arts in Education, 2020-2024
Early Childhood and Childhood Education (Birth-6)
Concentration: Liberal Arts (English, Math, Biology)
GPA: 3.99

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

3/25- Present **Sidway Elementary** - Grand Island, NY
Long-Term Special Education Substitute - Grades Kindergarten-2

- Develop and implement differentiated instructional plans for phonics, reading, writing, and math to meet individual learning goals and foster academic growth.
- Utilize positive reinforcement strategies and maintain a highly structured classroom environment to effectively reduce disruptive behavior and promote a positive, supportive learning atmosphere

9/24-3/25 **Huth Road Elementary** - Grand Island, NY
Teaching Assistant - Grades 2-5 Life Skills

- Facilitated learning centers based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis to enhance students' functional and social skills, promoting independence and positive peer interactions.
- Collaborated with teachers, aides, SLPs, OT, and PT to implement individualized education plans, ensuring holistic support for students with diverse learning and developmental needs

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- Summers
2021- 2024 **Grand Island CSD** - Grand Island, NY
Special Education Teacher Aide - Grades 3-8
- Planned and taught small group lessons that worked toward students' IEP goals
 - Managed classroom activities while redirecting problematic behaviors
 - Maintained daily communication home to parents and caregivers
- 12/22-6/24 **St. Stephens School** - Grand Island, NY
Substitute Teacher - Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 8
- Applied time management skills to execute lessons in an efficient manner
 - Employed positive classroom management techniques to foster a respectful and inclusive environment
 - Collaborated with other teachers to deliver cross-grade lessons
- 1/24-5/24 **Huth Road Elementary** - Grand Island, NY
Student Teacher - Grade 3
- Designed and implemented unit plans that involved movement, creativity, and choice
 - Adapted lessons to meet the diverse learning styles of students
 - Utilized various forms of assessment and informed future instruction based on assessment results
 - Created bulletin boards showcasing student work in the classroom and around the school
- 10/23-1/24 **Cardinal O'Hara High School** - Tonawanda, NY
Substitute Teacher - Grades 9-12
- Empowered students with disabilities to integrate into general education classrooms through the use of positive self-talk
 - Effectively followed lesson plans to ensure continuity in student learning
- 9/22-6/23 **St. Stephens School** - Grand Island, NY
Preschool Teacher Aide
- Facilitated circle time using interactive songs, games, and stories
 - Strengthened students' social and emotional skills through meaningful interactions
 - Formulated opportunities for students to learn through play and exploration