

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Profile: Areas of Expertise

Creative Lesson Planning
Performance Assessments Design
Student Motivation
Creative Learning Environment
Curriculum Design & Development
Standards-Based Instruction
Differentiated Instruction
Parent Communication
Designer and presenter of creative, engaging professional development
Developer of quality curriculum

Philosophy of Education

It is the responsibility of the teacher as leader and facilitator to provide a quality educational experience for each student. This must be in a manner that ensures the success of each individual student while maintaining high expectations and a high level of instructional integrity.

Education & Certifications

- **Bachelor of Arts in French**, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 2003
- **Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics and ESL**, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 2006
- **Master of Arts in Teaching**, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 2010
- **State of Tennessee- K-12 French Professional**
- **Certification in TEFL**

Academic Teaching Experience

MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS (now SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS)- Memphis, TN, 2006-PRESENT

Implement rigorous and challenging activities that engage students. Prepare goals, course objectives, and outlines for course of study. Address learning styles through varied teaching methods, strategies, and materials. Promote an atmosphere of learning that maximizes student involvement.

Central High School Memphis, TN 2012-present

- French Teacher, Levels II-AP standard and honors courses
- French Club Advisor
- Sophomore Class Sponsor, liaison between student body and administration
- World Languages Department Chair, facilitator of weekly departmental professional learning community (PLC)
- Founding head coach of the Warrior Rugby Girls Club

Snowden School Memphis, TN 2009-2012

- Exploratory French Teacher, grades 6th-8th
- Teacher of 8th grade honor's French level one for high school credit
- Assistant Coach of Girls Soccer

East High School, Memphis, TN, 2006-2009

- French Teacher, Levels I-AP standard and honors courses
- Foreign Language Chair, served as liaison between administration and foreign language department
- Environmental Club Advisor, implemented a student-led, school-wide recycling program, facilitated student-led discussions on various topics of environmental concerns and interests
- Sophomore Class Sponsor, served as liaison between student body and administration
- Head Coach of Boys and Girls Cross-Country, Girls Cross-Country City Champs 2007
- Assistant Coach Girls Track

UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS, Memphis, TN 2007-2008, 2011

- Italian Instructor for introductory levels 1010 and 1020

UNIVERSITY OF WEST BOHEMIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, summer 2005 & 2006

- TEFL instructor, 2006 and 2012
- TEFL student instructor in certification program, 2005

Academic Teaching Awards

- East High School Teacher of the Month, February 2007

Professional Achievements

Curriculum Developer, Memphis City Schools, Memphis, TN 2008-present

- Lead teacher in French curriculum revision
- Committee member for current 9-12 French curriculum revision/development
- Committee member for writing and revision of the current middle school
- French curriculum co-writer

Assessment Developer, Memphis City Schools, Memphis, TN 2008-present

- Co-Developer of end of course test for middle school French I for credit
- Committee member for writing performance-based assessments French I-IV
- Translator of assessment materials

Interviewer Selector, Memphis City Schools, Memphis, TN 2009

- Interviewer for new teachers for World Languages department

Professional Development Participation

- AP French language training at Denver, Colorado 2012
- AP French language training at Center for Gifted Studies, Kentucky 2007
- Attended in excess of 45 after-school professional development sessions

Professional Development Presentations

Professional Development Presenter, Memphis City Schools, Memphis, TN 2008- Present

- Presented successful professional development seminars for MCS World Language teachers on realistic expectations in the foreign language classroom
- Trained fellow teachers on rubrics for MCS World Language Program

References

- Available upon request

Personal Interests/Hobbies

- Long-distance running (marathons and trail ultra-marathons)
- Current at-large member of the Memphis Women's Rugby Football Club
- Reading
- Traveling abroad and learning languages
- Knitting
- Cycling