

# JOB SEEKER

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## LICENSURE

**Communication Arts/Literature, 5-12** – expected June, 2007

## SKILL SUMMARY

- Strong lesson planning and effective classroom management
- Excellent oral and written communication
- Creative problem solving and efficient time management
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, Inspiration, Dreamweaver, Intergrade Pro, and ClassXP

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Student Teacher, Irondale High School**, New Brighton, MN, December 2006-June 2007

- Taught 9th-12th graders in College English, College Literature, Creative Writing and Mythology.
- Designed and led innovative curriculum; including units on *The Things They Carried*, poetry writing and appreciation, writing of a research papers, and the role of heroes in mythology.
- Differentiated lessons for a diverse range of students; ranging from one class with 9 IEPs, to college-level courses with gifted and talented students.
- Graded papers, gave students feedback, and spoke with parents at conferences.

**Student Teacher, Crosswinds Middle School**, Woodbury, MN, September-November 2006

- Observed middle school Language Arts classroom at an Arts and Science Magnet School.
- Worked in small groups and individually with students on range of activities including literature circles, literary lenses, and personal narratives.
- Designed and team-taught a two-week course entitled *Be the Bad Guy* investigating the role of the protagonist in literature and film.

**Guest Instructor, Creative Writing, North St. Paul High School**, January 2005-June 2006

- Guest taught creative writing class for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Led weekly discussions and writing activities on poetry, short stories, and creative non-fiction.
- Gave written and oral feedback to students on assignments.

**Creative Writing Teacher, Paderborn, Germany**, 2003-2004

- Taught English-language creative writing course to 15 German and British students.
- Assigned and critiqued writing exercises in a variety of genres and led workshop-style lessons.
- Selected course readings to supplement writing activities.

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

**Private Tutor**, Self-employed, 2005-present

- Worked with individuals ranging from 8<sup>th</sup> graders to seniors in college.
- Aided in English grammar, reading, writing, test preparation, political science, and German.
- Helped one student raise ACT score by five points, and raise GPA from 2.9 to 3.7.

**Counselor, Concordia Language Villages**, Summer 2002

- Served as resident counselor for students aged 9-18 at an immersion language camp.
- Designed and led innovative education activities for both small (3-7) and large (20-40) groups.

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**COACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Pitching Coach**, North St. Paul High School, 2006  
**Volunteer Baseball Coach**, Irondale High School, 2007  
**Player/Coach**, Minneapolis Dynamo (hockey), 2006-2007

**EDUCATION**

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities: Minneapolis, MN  
**Masters of Education**, anticipated May 2009  
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN  
**Bachelor of Arts** -2004  
Majors: English and Political Science  
Concentrations: Creative Writing and International Relations

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

- David Minge Endowment Scholar
- Buntrock Dean's Scholar
- St. Olaf Honors Scholarship
- Canadian Pacific Railway Scholarship
- Member of Pi Sigma Alpha, political science National Honor Society
- Nominated for English and political science department distinction

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

*Traveler's Tales Book Series*  
*School Planning and Management*  
*American School and Society*  
*Consulting and Specifying Engineer*  
*Artist At Large Webzine*