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Professional Experience

PRIVATE PRACTICE, ANNAPOLIS, MD

Educational Diagnostician, April 2012- Present

- Select, administer, and score psychological, achievement, and language tests.
- Compile, score, and interpret students' test results, along with information from teachers and parents, to diagnose conditions and provide recommendations.
- Consult with parents, teachers, administrators, and educational therapists to assist in developing and implementing recommendations.

ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY, MILLERSVILLE, MD

Founder of School and Director of Instruction and Assessment K-12, August 1995- July 2011

- Assess students to identify potential learning disabilities, strengths and challenges, and determine if medical evaluations, speech and language therapy, vision and auditory acuity tests should be pursued.
- Evaluate in-coming students using entrance testing to determine grade placement, and to coordinate special education instruction and speech and language therapy as needed
- Coordinate and oversee school-wide national standardized testing, analyze and summarize results, and present recommendations to school administration.
- Confer with parents and staff to discuss student learning challenges and recommendations.
- Organize and direct committees of specialists, volunteers, and staff to provide assistance for students with learning and physical disabilities.
- Observe teaching methods and examine learning materials to evaluate and standardize curricula and teaching techniques, and to determine areas where improvement is needed.
- Collaborate with teachers to develop and maintain curriculum standard, maintain mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives.
- Review and approve new programs, or recommend modifications to existing programs, submitting program proposals for school board approval as necessary.
- Train and evaluate faculty and resource staff.
- Set educational standards and goals, and help establish policies and procedures to carry them out.

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSICAL AND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, BOISE, IDAHO

Conference Speaker and Educational Consultant, June 2000- Present

- Deliver presentations at the annual association conference for 1000 national and international teachers and administrators to train participants in instruction, curriculum, and the assessment and identification of learning disabilities.
- Assess national and international school programs and policies, assist in the implementation of instruction, and train teachers and administrators.

PRIVATE PRACTICE, SEVERNA PARK, MD

Reading Specialist, June 1990- July 1995

- Select, administer, score, and analyze reading diagnostic assessment results.
- Compile and interpret students' test results, along with information from teachers and parents, to diagnose conditions, and to develop a plan of action.
- Provide consultation to parents, teachers, administrators, and educational therapists to assist in implementing recommendations for students with reading challenges.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ANNAPOLIS, MD

Reading Specialist, July 1987- July 1988

- Evaluate students' reading skills, identify student progress, use testing instruments to diagnose reading disabilities, and develop remedial plans.
- Provide guidance in selecting and administering valid, reliable, reading assessments and screening instruments.
- Collect, analyze, and prepare data for purpose of interpretation and reporting to county, state, and federal agencies.
- Conduct in-services for staff development in reading, and consult with teachers and parents to recommend strategies to improve students' reading skills.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ANNAPOLIS, MD

Elementary School Teacher, August 1978- June 1987

- Establish clear objectives for all lessons, units, and projects and communicate those objectives to students.
- Adapt teaching methods and instructional materials to meet students' varying needs and interests.
- Meet with parents and guardians to discuss their children's progress and to determine priorities for their children and their resource needs.

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE, MD

English Instructor, August 1984- May 1985

- Prepare course materials such as syllabi, homework assignments, and handouts.
- Prepare and deliver business English lectures to undergraduate students
- Initiate, facilitate, and moderate classroom discussions.

Education

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY, FROSTBURG, MD

BA, Elementary Education, Reading and English K-12, May 1978

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY, BALTIMORE, MD

MA, Education, Reading Specialist, May 1981