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About Me

As a dedicated educator with a background in psychology and a TEFL certification, I bring a passion for fostering student development and creating dynamic, engaging learning environments. With experience in ESL instruction, classroom management, and curriculum development, I am committed to helping students achieve English proficiency while supporting their academic and personal growth. I have worked with diverse age groups adapting to the needs of students in various educational settings. My bilingual communication skills and international experience in education allow me to connect with students from different cultural backgrounds, making me an effective and empathetic teacher. I am eager to contribute to a collaborative team and support the mission of providing high-quality education.

SKILLS and EXPERTISE

ESL/ESOL Instruction	Curriculum Development	English Proficiency
Elementary Education	Classroom Management	Child Development
Kindergarten Education	Bilingual Communication	Team Collaboration
Student Engagement	Dynamic Teaching Methods	Global Language Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Events Management, *Family Catering* - 2021 – 2023

- Coordinated large-scale events that required meticulous planning, effective communication, and collaboration across diverse teams, developing strong organizational and leadership skills.
- Facilitated teamwork and problem-solving by managing logistics, ensuring smooth event execution under pressure.
- Enhanced communication strategies to engage with a variety of clients, fostering positive relationships.
- Adapted to diverse cultural needs of clients, honing my ability to work in multicultural settings.
- Developed creative solutions to challenges during events, showcasing my adaptability and quick thinking.

Guidance Counseling, *Becker College* - 2020 – 2021

- Developed and implemented comprehensive counseling programs to address the academic, personal, and social needs of students.
- Provided guidance on academic planning, career exploration, and personal development.
- Collaborated with teachers and parents to develop and implement intervention plans for students experiencing academic and behavioral challenges.

Business Entrepreneur, *Fan Culture/Tr3nd Culture* - 2017 – 2020

- Managed and grew a business through strategic planning, content creation, and client engagement, which strengthened my leadership, communication, and problem-solving abilities.
- Participated with a multicultural team, fostering collaboration and ensuring clear communication across diverse backgrounds.
- Created compelling, educational content for social media platforms, developing my skills in delivering engaging and targeted material.
- Resolved business challenges by employing strategic thinking and adaptability.
- Embraced cultural adaptability through working with clients from diverse backgrounds, ensuring successful collaboration and communication.

Substitute, Waterstone Charter School - 2019 – 2020

- Successfully stepped into classrooms for absent teachers, implementing lesson plans and ensuring a smooth continuation of the learning process.
- Maintained discipline and classroom management, creating a positive and focused learning environment.
- Adapted to various grade levels and subjects while deliver engaging and effective instruction.
- Fostered positive relationships with students and staff, gaining a reputation as a reliable and approachable substitute teacher.
- Assisted with extracurricular activities and provided support for school events as needed.
- Assisted with ESOL and ESL students.

Voluntary History

Daycare/Sunday School

Led educational activities and supervised children in a daycare and Sunday school setting. Focused on early childhood development, promoting both social and cognitive growth through structured activities.

Hospitality

Served in various roles within the hospitality sector, enhancing interpersonal skills, teamwork, and adaptability. Worked in multicultural environments, improving my ability to collaborate effectively with people from diverse backgrounds.

International Networking

Collaborated with professionals and educators from diverse cultural backgrounds, building relationships and exchanging ideas on global education practices. Strengthened cross-cultural communication and networking skills. Gained insights into different educational systems and approaches, enhancing my ability to adapt teaching methods to meet the needs of students from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

International English Tutoring

Provided personalized English tutoring to international students, helping them improve language proficiency through tailored lessons and interactive activities. Developed a deep understanding of diverse learning needs, enabling students to achieve significant progress in a short period. Adapted teaching methods to suit students from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds, fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment.

Academic Tutoring

Assisted students in mastering core subjects, developing personalized study plans, and strengthening their academic skills. Worked with students of varying abilities, ensuring they grasp difficult concepts and built confidence in their abilities. Demonstrated patience, flexibility, and a student-centered approach to teaching.

Crisis Intervention and Counseling

Led one-on-one and group sessions to assist individuals in navigating personal and social challenges, fostering emotional resilience and problem-solving skills. Applied conflict resolution strategies and guided individuals toward constructive outcomes.

Outreach Advocate

Engaged with diverse communities, organizing and participating in outreach programs to support those in need. Developed strong communication and cultural sensitivity skills.

Party Planner

Organized and coordinated events, managing logistics, and overseeing various activities to ensure smooth operation. Developed multitasking, creativity, and time management skills.

Family Mediator

Facilitated discussions and conflict resolution between family members, employing listening skills, empathy, and negotiation techniques.

Languages

- **English** - Native/Bilingual
- **Spanish** - Native/Bilingual
- **Portuguese** - Limited Working Proficiency
- **Turkish** - Elementary

Education and Certifications**TEFL Certificate (120 hours)**

Certified in Teaching English as a Foreign Language with a focus on classroom management, lesson planning, and language acquisition strategies.

Master of Psychology

Lynn University – Boca Raton, FL

Bachelor of Psychology

Florida International University – Miami, FL

Associates of Arts in Education

Miami-Dade College – Miami, FL