

ANDREA ANN MESA

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EDUCATOR

Early Childhood | Elementary | Special Education

Caring, experienced educator fostering academic learning and enhancing critical-thinking abilities. Incorporate cooperative learning techniques and individual-focused classroom management style to establish a creative, nurturing, and stimulating dynamic classroom environment that meets each individual student's needs.

Dedicated, resourceful teacher skills include:

- ▶ Building rapport and respect with students, parents, community, and staff
 - ▶ Incorporating hands-on learning techniques that promote exploration and experimental learning
 - ▶ Integrating curriculum focused on thematic units
 - ▶ Assessing children's projects and productions
 - ▶ Developing social skills and creating group work and projects
 - ▶ Emphasizing problem solving and critical thinking
 - ▶ Educating for social responsibility and democracy
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EDUCATION / TRAINING / CERTIFICATION

M.A. Leadership in Teaching/Special Education

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

B.A. Liberal Studies/Elementary Education

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Advanced Professional Teaching Certification/DE

Elementary Education Grades 1–6 & Middle School

Special Education Grades 1–8

Valid: July 2010–June 2015

Kennedy Krieger Institute Training: ADHD • Autism Awareness

Certificate: Dr. Marie Discipline Approach

Certified: CPR First Aid

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Resource Teacher

National Child Research Center, Wilmington, DE

2012–Present

Implement and plan original creative interactive lessons and themes that interest students in a play-based learning environment. Assess and write evaluations as students transition from pre-k to kindergarten. Write newsletters to update parents on classroom activities. Teach after-school programs including participation in a Spanish class.

- Promote self-exploration and love of life-long learning by creating a positive nurturing environment that motivated students.
- Key team member that assisted in creating the classroom portfolio for National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation process.
- Serve on the School and Community committee for the Association of Independent Delaware and NJ Schools accreditation process.
- Participate in the Staff Committee to plan and prepare events that promote a healthy and positive school climate.

Special Educator

Newark, DE Public Schools

2004–2011

Designed and implemented curricula to meet individual needs of behavioral and learning-challenged special needs students from Pre-K through 5th Grade. Managed and maintained IEPs.

- Acknowledged for providing advice and guidance to staff on special education topics.
- Created and administered the Alternate Delaware State Assessment, achieving a proficiency rating.

Field Experience/Student Teaching (2000–2002)First Plains Elementary School (Special Education)

- Served as small group mentor for special education students in Reading and Language Arts.

Catholic Community School (3rd Grade)

- Used a variety of modalities to create a diverse learning atmosphere.

Washington Elementary School (4th and 5th Grade)

- Created unique lessons using real-life experiences.

Southville Elementary School (1st Grade)

- Ensured comprehension for learning-disabled students by providing one-to-one instruction.
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RELATED EXPERIENCE**Special Education Consultant/Child Care Professional**

2011–2012

Family of professionals

Hired to provide individualized educational intervention and tutoring for family of 3—including one with cognitive and psychological disorders. Created a nurturing and motivating learning environment.

- Provided each child with one-on-one academic support.
- Served as family liaison and consultant with children’s schools. Collaborated with teachers to support and assist children with school assignments. Actively engaged in children’s educational functions.

Lead Counselor

Summer 2011

Summer Camp, Wilmington, DE

Created and implemented lessons for 4- and 5-year olds that focused on character building, education, and self-esteem. Tailored instruction to meet individual children’s needs. Supervised 1 counselor.

- Cultivated a caring learning milieu and encouraged positive behavior management.
 - Created a safe atmosphere for foster/adopted children to express their feelings.
 - Developed mini-thematic lessons about peace, character education, health, and nutrition.
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ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTSBack Street Academy

Special Education Chair, School Improvement Team

Employee Committee, School Improvement Team

Interview Panel, Charter School Renewal Team

Open House Representative