
HIGHLIGHTED PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY, Monmouth, OR

January 2010-Present

- American Sign Language Instructor And Program Coordinator
- ASL Placement Testing For Incoming And Transfer Students
- Scheduling Classes And Instructors
- ASL Curriculum Development

GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL, Gilbert, AZ

April 2009 – May 2009

American Sign Language Instructor (Temporary)

- Facilitated five classes consisting of 30 students for grades 9-12.
- Taught American Sign Language 1-4 using the Signing Naturally curriculum.
- Adapted curriculum to better fit high school students and especially those struggling in class.

MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AZ

August 2006 – December 2010

American Sign Language Adjunct Instructor/Mentor

- Teach American Sign Language as a second language to students enrolled in various community colleges in Maricopa County (Mesa Community College, Scottsdale Community College, and Phoenix College).
- Use the VISTA Signing Naturally curriculum and/or Master ASL! Curriculum to teach ASL 1-4 and add my own supplements to aide in students' comprehension and appreciation of the language. Main focus is on language production and retention and not on rote memory of isolated signs paired with English words.
- Educate students about the Deaf community, the history of American Sign Language and Deaf Culture.
- Facilitate Deaf events to encourage interaction between the Deaf community and hearing students.
- Mentor students interested in becoming interpreters or who are enrolled in the interpreting training program. Help prepare students for classroom presentations, exams, and national certification.

SEQUOIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, Phoenix, AZ

August 2005 – August 2006

American Sign Language Teacher

- Taught American Sign Language to middle and high school students using the VISTA Signing Naturally curriculum.
- Provided a bridge between the hearing and Deaf students in this mainstream program and encouraged interaction during the school day and outside of class.
- Involved in IEP meetings and education planning.

THE LEARNING CENTER FOR THE DEAF, Framingham, MA

September 2004 – May 2005

American Sign Language Instructor

- Taught American Sign Language to members in the community interested in learning ASL for various reasons.
- Adapted VISTA curriculum to better meet the needs of the community and addressed specific topics, sentence structures, and vocabulary that would be commonly used in everyday conversation.
- Developed a good rapport between the Deaf community and the hearing students to ensure safe practice of language acquisition skills.

PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR/INTERPRETER EXPERIENCE

Boston University, MA	Substitute American Sign Language Instructor	Sept 2002 – June 2005
Various	Mentor for community or interpreting students	Jan 2007- 2010
Arizona RID	Worked as a Deaf Interpreter for the AZ state conference	March 2009
Unity of Phoenix	Worked as a Deaf Interpreter as needed for services/ceremonies	2009-2010
Mobility International USA , Eugene OR	Working as a Deaf Interpreter as needed for programs	2013-Now

*Additional work/volunteer experiences related to the Deaf community, camps, etc.

EDUCATION

M.Ed., Experiential/Adventure Education, Prescott College Prescott, AZ - 2008

B.S., Psychology, Gallaudet University, Washington DC, – 2001

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, and PRESENTATIONS

- Curriculum Committee, Western Oregon University, 2012-present
- On Committee for ASL Endorsement/Licensure, Teaching Standards and Practices Commission. Salem, OR
- Advisory Council for ASL Teachers and Specialists in Oregon – Team Leader, 2013 and present
- American Sign Language Teachers Association- National Conferences in 2005, 2009, 2011, 2013- 75 hours
- Northwest American Sign Language Teacher Association- Presentation on “Curriculums in High Schools and Colleges of Northwest” – October, 2012
- Oregon School for the Deaf – Presentation on “Learning In Future Education”, May, 2012
- Code of Professional Conduct, Ethical decision making, and practice in the various forms of Deaf interpreting.
(16 hours)

ASSOCIATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Member of the American Sign Language Teachers Association
ASLTA Qualified Certification
Member of Oregon ASLTA