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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, Curriculum and Instruction emphasis in Urban Education ABD, Ph. D. Candidate (*Expected Graduation August 2012*)

University of Houston, Administration and Supervision Master of Education (2006)

University of Houston-Downtown, Interdisciplinary Studies Bachelor of Science (1999)

ASSISTANTSHIPS & FELLOWSHIP

Texas A&M University

Graduate Research Fellow Policy Research Initiative in Science Education (PRISE) Science Education Program June 2011 to present

Graduate Assistant Center for Urban School Partnerships (CUSP) Urban Education Program January 2011 – May 2011

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Texas Educator Certificate

Elementary Self-Contained Grades (1-8)
Elementary Speech Communication Grades (1-8)
Principal Grades (EC-12)
Professional Development Appraisal System (PDAS)
Instructional Leadership Development (ILD)

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

WALIPP-TSU Preparatory Academy

Charter School

Principal July 2010 – October 2010

- Devise a campus improvement plan to increase student achievement in target areas and foster campus growth.
- Establish systems to monitor the instructional program and student academic progress.
- Maintain organize, attractive, and clean school environment conducive to learning.
- Work collaboratively with others to create and implement action plans focused on improving student management, school climate, and student attendance.
- Create and facilitate professional development trainings to address skill gaps and learning needs of new teachers to build capacity.
- Interviewed and hired faculty and staff members.

Aldine Independent School District

Aldine Ninth Grade School / Drew Academy

Principal Intern July 2009 – June 2010

- Participant of a highly selective aspiring principal cohort involved in rigorous field-based leadership experiences for campus leadership including the shadowing of a mentor principal.
- Analyzed various student performance data to monitor instructional programs and progress toward campus goals for student achievement.
- Conducted student disciplinary hearings and assign appropriate disciplinary consequences aligned with the
 district's student code of conduct.
- Demonstrated instructional and managerial leadership tasks involving collaboration to improve outcomes in student learning.
- Contributed to the development of the campus improvement plan.
- Engaged staff and other stakeholders in a collaborative process to understand problems and identify solutions to enhance cohesiveness and productivity within departmental planning meetings.
- Refined classroom observation and teacher conferencing skills to improve instructional delivery and student learning.
- Supervised and managed various systems of the school operation including starting school, monitoring lunches and school dismissal.

Nimitz Senior High School

Assistant Principal of Instruction July 2007 – June 2009

- Supervised 21 secondary science teachers and appraised teacher performance based on the PDAS instrument.
- Systematically monitored the instructional processes functioning within the science department to ensure that curricular and instructional activities were related to desired program outcomes.
- Used achievement data such as TAKS and district benchmarks for planning and evaluating program effectiveness.
- Supervised and facilitated staff development trainings.
- Communicated regularly with district personnel and other consultants to improve student achievement in secondary science.

Harris Academy

Mathematics Skills Specialist August 2006 – May 2007

- Analyzed campus assessment results to target student needs and monitored the implementation of the mathematics curriculum in grades 2-4.
- Assisted teachers in locating appropriate curriculum and instructional materials for classrooms instruction.
- Provided small group and pull-out instruction for targeted student groups in mathematics.
- Planned and created a campus-based weekly common assessments and mid-grading cycle assessments for grade levels 2-4.

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District

Watkins Middle School

Sixth Grade Mathematics January 2003 – May 2006

- Provided engaging instruction in mathematics while utilizing excellent classroom management skills and healthy student-teacher relationships to produce increased student achievement on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test.
- Provided after-school tutorials and contributed to the leadership of various committees and after-school programs during assistant principal internship.

Gleason Elementary School

Teacher-Fifth Grade Mathematics/Social Studies Teacher-Accelerated Reading Intervention Program

- Created an engaging and productive instructional environment that enhanced student learning and achievement on district benchmarks and standardized assessments.
- Provided before and after-school tutorial support to at-risk students of grades 3-5 including those served in the ESL and Bilingual programs in the areas of reading and mathematics.

Harris County Department of Education

Adult Education ESL Instructor (Part-time) September 2003 – December 2006

• Provided instruction to adult immigrants that resulted in both building self esteem and increased functional development of oral, written, and listening skills in English as a second language.

Alief Independent School District

Klentzman Intermediate School

Teacher-Sixth Grade Mathematics/Science August 2001-May2002

- Incorporated developmentally appropriate instruction and learning strategies to promote higher order thinking skills and student achievement.
- Provided before and after-school tutorial support to sixth grade at-risk students in mathematics.

Houston Independent School District

Bastian Elementary School

Teacher-Third Grade Self-Contained January 1999-May 2001

- Met the academic needs of at-risk students in various subjects including mathematics, reading, spelling, language arts, social studies and science using the district's Project CLEAR curriculum.
- Demonstrated quality classroom management skills to nurture student academic growth.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

Member

Kappa Delta Pi - International Honor Society in Education Texas A&M University

Member

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Member

School Science and Mathematics Association (SSMA)

Member

Graduate Student Association in Teaching, Learning, and Culture at Texas A&M University

Presenter

Policy Research Initiative in Science Education-II (PRISE) Network Meeting October 9-10, 2011 at the American Airlines Training Center

Presenter

7th Annual Texas Region 6 National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME) Conference April 19, 2008 at Southwestern University