

Kristin Blain

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Objective

To foster, guide, and empower students to become self-advocates and contributing members of society.

Education

Michigan State University

Master in the Arts of Education
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

East Lansing, MI
Summer 2010-present

Grand Valley State University

Bachelor of Science
Major: **Psychology- Special Education**
Minor: **Elementary Education**
Endorsements: CI, EI, Elementary
Cumulative GPA: 3.8

Allendale, MI
April 2009

Honors/Activities

- School Improvement Team, Grand Haven Area Public Schools, 2012-present
- 8th grade Team Leader, Fall 2012, Spring, 2014
- **Grand Valley State University's Outstanding Student in Psychology-Special Education**
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude, GVSU 2009

Employment

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Special Education Teacher

Grand Haven, MI

July 2009-Present

- Teach eighth grade students with special needs how to be successful in the general education setting by teaching them skills in studying, organization, and self-advocacy

Field Placements

Campau Park Elementary School

Student Teacher

Grand Rapids, MI

Winter 2009

- Taught math in a resource room and push in for students with emotional impairments
- Created a lunch club as a social intervention for students with EI and their typical peers

North Godwin Elementary School

Student Teacher

Wyoming, MI

Fall 2008

- Taught in a general education first grade classroom
- Started the "Breakfast Bunch" for struggling students to meet before school

Lincoln School**Student Teacher**

- Taught in a class of 22-26 year olds with Moderate to Severe Cognitive Impairments
- Developed a pen pal program for students to share audio dialogue with local high school students

Grand Rapids, MI

Winter 2008

Jenison High School**Teacher Assistant**

- Taught in a Freshman Study Skills class and a full inclusion integrated math 9 class
- Created a study skills DVD made up of college peers to show high school students successful study strategies

Jenison, MI

Fall 2007

Professional and Training Workshops

- Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Training, July 30-august 2, 2013.
- Capturing Kids Hearts Training, July 2011.
- Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments 50th Anniversary Spring Conference. April 2009.
- 69th Annual Conference of the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. March 2009.
- Fire Up! Conference for West Michigan Student Teachers. October 2008.
- Sign Language Class through Mars Hill Bible Church with Chris Mull. November 2007-March 2008.
- 68th Annual Conference of the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. February 2008.
- Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan Semi-Annual Conference. September 2007.
- 26th Annual Bright Ideas Spring Conference. Great Expectations: Literacy, Language, Literature and learning. April 2007.
- West Michigan Inclusion Network. Universal Education: Redrawing the Lines in the Sand. April 28, 2006

References

Available upon request.