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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Teaching in Physical Education, University of South Carolina

May, 2013

- GPA 4.0
- Conrad-Becton Scholarship recipient

Bachelor of Science in Retail Management, University of South Carolina

December, 2007

HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

08/23-Present

Senior Practicum Prep Instructor EXSC401

- Facilitate career and graduate school readiness for 30+ seniors each fall semester and in preparation of their senior capstone practicum
- Provide guidance, assessment and grading in the areas of required documentation, resumes, cover letters, mock interviews, graduate school applications and practicum applications
- Assist in the scheduling and mediation of up to 12 career speakers each semester
- Create and adhere to carefully planned syllabi as well as office hours
- Maintain strict confidentiality of student records and medical records for placement
- Develop and acquire new community partnerships centered on relevance to student career paths and goals, variety and in alignment with practicum requirements
- Actively participate in program and department meetings

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

08/23-Present

First-Year Experience Instructor UNIV101

- Serve as a mentor and university resource for 40 first-year students transitioning into college each fall semester through two separate classes
- Design, facilitate, and assess all aspects of a life skills course promoting student engagement and success
- Lead students in community building activities to foster belonging within the class and university
- Organize beyond-the-classroom activities to engage students on campus and in the community
- Conduct 1-1 meetings with students to gauge adjustment and provide additional support
- Support a peer leader in the develop leadership and facilitating skills
- M. Stuart Hunter Award for Outstanding Teaching Nominee

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

01/24-Present

Senior Practicum Instructor EXSC444

- Supervise and provide outreach on 30+ seniors during their senior capstone practicum
- Provide support and guidance as students maintain 300+ hours of work experience in their Exercise Science practicum
- Administrator and grade summative assessments in the areas of journals, discussion boards, research posters, self-reflections career planning and supervisor final evaluations
- Coordinate communication and feedback with practicum site supervisors on performance and evaluation
- Adhere to university and department doctrine on confidentiality, grading and office hours
- Recognition of Teaching Excellence Awarded for Spring 2025

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

01/25-Present

Instructor UNIV201

- Selected to lead a section of this university pilot program with class enrollment restricted to the Arnold School of

Public Health

- Carefully craft developmentally appropriate and guided lessons centered on student involvement outside the classroom, the graduation with leadership distinction, graduate school admissions and career readiness
- Schedule community leaders and stake holders as guest speakers and presenters for our class of 20 students

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

08/23-12/23

Instructor PEDU122

- Created a differentiated curriculum for 18 students ranging from freshmen to seniors in volleyball
- Maintained a safe learning environment for students ranging from beginner to expert
- Adhered to the College of Education codes of medical records, grading and office hours

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

01/24-05/24

Instructor EXSC210

- Administer carefully constructed science backed lessons on time management, study skills and reflection
- Provide guidance to a class of 15 students centered on self-awareness and internalization to improve academic success through change and rigor
- 100% student satisfaction on post evaluation

HIGHER EDUCATION ADVISEMENT EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

10/22-8/25

Academic Advisor, Arnold School of Public Health

- Serve as advisor of record for over 300 freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior Exercise Science and Public Health majors each semester
- Engage students in individual 1-1 meetings each semester using appreciative advising to discover goals and co-design a plan for curricular and co-curricular engagement
- Monitor student caseload, initiate preemptive academic interventions, and maintain sustained communication with advisees through email, text message, and phone outreach
- Utilize advising technologies including EAB Navigate, DegreeWorks, and Banner to provide accurate degree guidance, support registration, and record advising notes
- Co-facilitate college visits and academic advising sessions at New Student Orientation events
- Recruit prospective students through admissions events, major change sessions, and individual meetings
- Volunteer as an advisor mentor for two advisors within the Arnold School of Public Health
- Actively manage and coordinate semesterly campus alerts and initiatives from the University Advisement Center
- 100% student satisfaction on 253 returned surveys
- 33 unsolicited and distinctive appreciative advising submissions
- Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Advisor Award Nominee

ECPI University, Columbia, SC

3/10-08/11

Undergraduate Services

- Promoted to advisor team leader after only one year
- Advised students on academic paths and assisted with class schedules within our medical programs
- Recruited prospective students through high school presentations as well as college visits
- Utilized university technology for presentations and accurate and effective advising
- Operated quarterly orientations for new students and managed caseloads

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bookman Road Elementary, Columbia, SC

08/20-06/22

Physical Education Instructor

- District mentor teacher for the teacher cadet program within Richland School District 2

- Instructed and assessed grades pre-kindergarten to grade five
- Weekly adaptive and self-contained classes and coordinated with special education, aides specialists
- District Teacher Mentor for two first year teachers within the district

Hand Middle School, Columbia, SC

08/18-06/20

Physical Education and Health Instructor

- District mentor teacher and professional development presenter for Richland School District One
- Volunteered and led both a before and after school physical education program
- Implemented high levels of technology use for assessments and lessons
- District Teacher Mentor for two first year teachers within the district
- District Health Curriculum Board for the evaluation and mediation of textbooks, materials and pedagogical dissemination

International School of Tianjin, Tianjin, China

07/16-06/18

PYP Physical Education

- Facilitated student learning through the IB PYP curriculum
- Instructed grades nursery to grade 5 as well as led weekly coordination with the Middle Year Program
- Taught predominately ESOL students of varied nationalities
- Fostered student learning and safety in class sizes ranging from 14-100

Chapin Middle School, Chapin, SC

08/14-06/16

Physical Education Instructor

- Summative assessments demonstrating significant student fitness improvement
- Department Team Leader for 2015-16 school year
- Coordinated a community leadership organization and a fitness club

Busan Global Village, Busan, South Korea

06/13-06/14

American Curriculum Instructor

- Designed and implemented an American curriculum for grades three-six
- Instructed grades kindergarten through middle school

Gupo Elementary School, Busan, South Korea

02/09-02/10

ESL Instructor

- Served as the first international teacher in the history of the school
- Co-planned and instructed with three primary elementary Korean teachers
- One of three finalist for guest teacher of the year in the city of Busan

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMITTEES, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION

- Arnold School Alumni Manager Selection Committee
- Undergraduate Advisement Center Director Search Committee
- College mentor to two advisors within the Arnold School of Public Health
- Undergraduate Advising Center veteran advisor panel for new advisor orientation
- Undergraduate Advising Center panel for survey assessment data and implementation
- Department of Exercise Science undergraduate practicum planning team
- Safe Zone certified
- Advisor Certification: Level I, II, and III(pending review)
- Career Champion through the UofSC Career Center
- DEI Considerations for International Students In and Out of the Classroom
- Advising International Accelerator Program (IAP): What Advisors Need To Know
- Building Supportive Communities: Clery Act and Title IX Training
- UNIV101 Peer Leader Review Committee

- NACADA Region 3 professional conference in Summer 2024
- UNIV101 Building Connections Conference
- UNIV101 Faculty Table Talk Committee and Presenter
- Outstanding Public Health Student Selection Committee
- New Student Orientation Advisement Committee
- Family Weekend Community Outreach Leader for donations Fall 2023
- Developing Your Personal Advising Philosophy workshop
- Financial Considerations for Academic Decisions workshop
- DegreeWorks Exceptions Management workshop
- The Student Experience with New Student Orientation Workshop
- Intermediate Excel Use for Advisors Workshop
- Education Abroad: What Advisors Need to Know workshop
- Appreciative Advising Workshop
- My UofSC Experience for Advisors
- Richland District One Teacher Mentor
- Richland District One Health Curriculum Board
- Richland District Two Teacher Cadet Mentor
- Richland District Two Teacher Mentor
- Chapin Middle School Department Team Leader
- Lexington/Richland District Five Teacher Mentor
- Certified for Physical Education Grades K-12 in South Carolina
- CPR and First Aid Certification
- PADI Open Water Scuba Certification
- SCDNR- National Archery in Schools Program
- IB PYP and MYP certificates