

Education

Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN — M.Ed. (Instructional Practice), 2016

Belmont University, Nashville, TN — B.S.W., Education Minor, 2014

- Awards: TN Hope Scholarship; Dean's List (all semesters 2012-2014),
- Activities: President, Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor Society)

Experience

3rd/4th Grade SIFE Teacher, Metro Nashville Public Schools- Department of English Language Learners — 2015–Present

Teaches class of SIFE (Students with Interrupted or Informal Education) students who are newly arrived refugee students. Designs curriculum while collecting and analyzing data to develop differentiated approaches to instruction and behavioral intervention, tailored to ELL students with unique needs and challenges— especially backgrounds of trauma.

1st Grade Teacher, Read to be Ready — Summer 2016

Taught 1st grade summer class to help prevent summer learning loss.

Corps Member, Teach for America — 2014–2016

TFA and Americorp member and ELL Fellowship appointee

3rd/4th Grade ELL Teacher, Metro Nashville Public Schools- Haywood Elementary School — 2014–2015

Taught 20+ students from multiple countries. Wrote daily lesson plans and drove an average of 1.8 years worth of growth in 1 year's time.

Refugee Resettlement Intern, Catholic Charities — 2013–2014

Responsible for a caseload of clients from Iraq, Kurdistan, Somalia, Syria, Iran, and many other countries. Enrolled children from 5-18 in public school. Helped families navigate healthcare systems, schooling, and employment upon their arrival to the United States.

ELL Teacher, Centro Comunitario Progreso — 2013–2014

Taught two intermediate level English classes to 12-15 multi-cultural adult students.

Education Policy & Research Intern, State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) — Summer 2013

Assisted policy and research teams with writing policy memos, tasks, and research. Created comprehensive overview of the TN Response to Intervention Plan 2 (RTI2). Contributed original work on RTI2 and English Language Learners to the Score Sheet Blog.

Presentations

Invited presentation: "Teacher and Refugee Voices", Global Voices Today: An Initiative of Abriendo Puertas in Nashville, TN, February 10, 2016.

Invited presentation: "Read to be Ready", Tennessee Reading Association Conference in Nashville, TN, December 5, 2016.

Certifications

Passed both the Elementary Content Knowledge Praxis and English to Speakers of other Languages Praxis. Certified to teach English Language Learners K-12 and General Education K-6. TESL Certification from Tennessee Foreign Language Institute.
