

## KARA K. BERTON

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### OBJECTIVE

To teach language arts or mathematics in an intermediate or middle school setting providing support and guidance to students facing the obstacles of adolescence and encouraging students to grow as individuals through both academics and extracurricular activities.

### EDUCATION

- BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY, Bowling Green, Ohio
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Middle Childhood Education, GPA: 3.8/4.0, May 2008
  - Concentration Areas: Mathematics and Reading / Language Arts
  - National Merit Scholarship Recipient
  - Successfully completed Praxis II Exams in Middle School Mathematics / Language Arts

### TEACHING & RELATED EXPERIENCE

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Pemberville, OH

**Student Teacher**, Fourth Grade, Spring 2008

- Prepared and implemented mathematics lessons using literature, games, manipulatives, and interactive activities to encourage creative thinking, problem solving and enjoyment of mathematics.
- Incorporated a variety of learning experiences including creative drama, music, and dance into standards based language arts and mathematics activities.
- Designed activities and lessons in preparation for statewide achievement testing.
- Communicated effectively with parents through weekly newsletters and participation in parent conferences and intervention meetings.
- Provided small group and individual student interventions in mathematics and language arts both during and after school.

**Methods Teacher**, Fourth Grade, Fall 2007

- Developed and taught a ten day reading/language arts unit incorporating review activities to address kinesthetic, spatial, and linguistic learning styles.
- Planned and implemented a ten day mathematics unit on area and perimeter using literature connections, manipulatives, hands on instruction, and cooperative learning.
- Attended a teacher in service and participated in review and discussion of a new mathematics curriculum under consideration by the district.

GROVE PATTERSON ACADEMY, Toledo, OH

**Tutor**, Spring 2007

- Provided homework assistance and study skills guidance to an eighth grade student.
- Worked individually with fourth grade students on mathematical and reading concepts.
- Tutored students living within an inner city, urban environment.
- Observed classroom teacher utilizing different behavioral modification techniques.

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AROUND THE CLOCK, INC., Findlay, OH

**Preschool Teacher**, Fall 2006

- Assisted with the daily operations of the child care facility.
- Implemented activities to meet the social, emotional, and physical needs of children.
- Constructed and provided redirection and behavioral modification techniques as needed.

MEDICAL CARE COORDINATORS, INC., Roseville, MI

**Mathematics Tutor**, Summer 2005

- Designed and taught individualized integrated mathematics lessons to prepare a special needs high school student for return to school after a traumatic brain injury.
- Collaborated with an Occupational Therapist and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to accommodate the student's instructional needs.

PICKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Toledo, OH

**Literacy Serve and Learn Tutor**, Fall 2004

- Provided small group tutoring to students in second through fourth grade in an after school program designed to help improve low proficiency scores.
- Interacted with a diverse group of students in a low income urban area.
- Planned and implemented reading and mathematics activities to adapt to individual students' academic needs and interests.

PRIVATE RESIDENCE, Oxford, MI

**Child Care Provider**, Summer 2004

- Supervised three children ages 8 to 11, providing a daily schedule of organized educational activities and play.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Attended SciMaTEC Future Teacher Conference, Spring 2008
- Attended Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference, Fall 2007
- Bowling Green Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Spring 2005 Spring 2007
- Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, Fall 2004 – Present
- Golden Key International Honor Society, Spring 2006 – Present
- Bowling Green State University Catholic Newman Club, President, Fall 2005 Spring 2006
- National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, Fall 2004, Spring 2006

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Background in creative drama
- Proficient in various computer software programs, including basic web design and the following:
  - Microsoft Word
  - Microsoft Excel
  - Microsoft
  - Microsoft FrontPage
  - Adobe Photoshop
  - Macromedia
  - Apple Works
  - Apple iMovie HD
  - Inspiration