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EDUCATION:

Certification of College Teaching, May 2001
The University of Noroeste, Sonora, Mexico.

B.A., Hispanic Literature, May 2000
The University of Sonora, Mexico

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES:

Spanish Instructor at the Spanish Language Program
The Pennsylvania State University
The Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese

Fall 2013 - Present
University Park, PA

- Teach Span 003 to Penn State students, a Spanish course part of the Spanish Basic Language Program. The course is designed for students who are native speakers of a language other than Spanish.
- Teach course while adhering to the course's purpose which is to develop and improve communication skills when listening, reading, speaking, and writing in Spanish.
- Classroom management following a communicative information-based task approach strategy bringing real world information to the focus of students' activities to achieve expected individual and group language acquisition goals.
- Open door policy for students and use of dynamic in-classroom exchanges to enhance the students' language learning experience.

Spanish Elementary School Teacher
Fiends Elementary School

Fall 2013 - Present
State College Area, PA

- Principal Spanish teacher for elementary-aged school children in grades ranging from Kindergarten to 3rd grade.
- Design and implement curriculum for instruction and lesson planning for the academic year.
- Follow instructional best practices and provide an enjoyable and enriching learning experience, which includes student involvement in educational activities and group dynamics.
- Implement a dynamic and culture-immersion approach to learning in which the children have the opportunity to explore more in-depth traditions and culture of Spanish speaking countries.
- Maintain effective classroom management while simultaneously allowing the children to fully participate and explore the new concepts they are learning in Spanish

Private Spanish Teacher
State College Area

2008-2012

- Teach Spanish to children ages 5 to 12 in individual and group sessions
- Provide private Spanish reading and writing tutoring services to children and young native Spanish speakers
- Conversational Spanish classes to Penn State students planning to travel to Spanish speaking countries

Private Spanish Teacher
Tucson Area

2004-2008

- Provide private Spanish reading and writing tutoring services to native Spanish speaker students at the high school and college level

- Conversational Spanish classes to college students planning to spend one year as exchange students in Spanish speaking countries
- Provide Spanish language preparation consulting services to professionals working with companies located in Spanish speaking countries

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO:

Spanish Teacher (8th – 12th Grades)

Larrea High School

Sonora, Mexico 2000-2003

- Supervise writing workshops on creative writing fiction and non-fiction, and reading
- Serve as curriculum development expert
- Set up extracurricular activities and after school programs for elementary students (i.e., field trips to museums, and national parks. Organize activities to celebrate community Holidays)

Spanish Teacher (PK-8th Grade)

Instituto Cultural Regina Elementary and Middle School Teacher

Sonora Mexico 2001-2003

- Responsible for curriculum development for grades first through fifth
- Serve as curriculum development expert for grades sixth through eight
- Set up extracurricular activities and after school programs for elementary school students
- Founding member of the Diversity Committee, a committee that selected and evaluated the best students in the Spanish language, and member of the committee in charge of selecting the best students in Spanish writing

CERTIFICATES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.**

Fall 2013 - SPAN 502 Foreign Language Teaching: Theory and Methodology taught by Professor Susana Garcia Prudencio. Penn State University, Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

- **The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Successful completion of FERPA tutorial and examination.

- **The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.**

Center for Workplace Learning and Performance, Office of Human Resources. Successful completion of "Building a Safe Penn State: Reporting Child Abuse" tutorial and examinations.

- **The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.**

Center for Workplace Learning and Performance, Office of Human Resources. Successful completion of "Harassment Program" tutorial and examinations.

- **The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.**

Professional Development Workshop, Topic: "Best Practices in Prezi for Higher Education for College of Liberal Arts". Offered by Penn State University, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Penn State Bennett Center, Volunteer Parent, A Place to Grow Pre-K Class, (Basic Spanish lessons, i.e., colors, numbers, animals, popular Spanish songs, and greetings)
- Radio Park Elementary School, Volunteer Parent, Kindergarten Room (Reading short Spanish stories during Library time)
- Pura Vida Latina International – Community group seeking to promote family oriented activities that promote the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking countries (with an emphasis on Mexico). Co-founder and part of the events coordination team.

LANGUAGES:

- Spanish (Native Speaker)
- English (Fluent)

SKILLS:

- Technology in the Classroom: ANGEL, Prezi, Glogster, Voice Thread, etc.
- Microsoft Office, Inspiration, Adobe Acrobat Reader, Google Earth; Browsers: Firefox, Internet Explorer, Safari, Mozilla.

REFERENCES:

Available upon request