**Amanda Bena**

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Objective: Seeking employment as a special education teacher and interested in supervising extracurricular activities.

**EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Science, Special Education Moderate/Intensive,** Expected May 2014

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

* Anticipated Licensure: State of Ohio Four-Year Resident Educator License: Special Educator (Moderate / Intensive)**.**
* HQT: Reading, Math, Content Area (K-6)
* Honors: Deans List 2011

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Student Teacher,** Spring 2014

Bobby B. Fairfax School- Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services, Cincinnati, Ohio

* 6th- 11th grade classroom
* Differentiated lessons for students with Autism and Behavioral Concerns
* Planned lessons based on Ohio Extended Content Standards
* Created draft of an IEP and ETR and actively participated in monthly behavior meetings for all five students.
* Incorporated technology in the form of Tap It Board and iPad’s to enhance curriculum
* Implemented a system of data tracking, in regards to Behavior Plan Goals and IEP goals

**Practicum Teacher,** Fall 2013

Margaret B. Rost School- Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services, Cincinnati, Ohio

* 9th – 12th grade classroom
* Planned a unit based on extended standards in Biology, using formative assessments in regards to educational theorists such as Erikson and Piaget
* Implemented technology, in the form of a Smart Board and Dynavox, to interact with students
* Collaborated with paraprofessionals and related services personnel

**Practicum Teacher,** Spring 2013

Winton Woods Elementary, Cincinnati, Ohio

* Worked with students in a multiple disabilities classroom
* Planned a unit based on the third grade extended standards
* Instructed unit on maps, continents, and oceans and gave appropriate assessments
* Used technology in the classroom in the form of Tap It board

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**Pool Deck Supervisor and Lifeguard,** Blue Ash YMCA, Blue Ash, Ohio, August 2013-Present

* YMCA Lifeguard Certified, CPR Certified, First Aid Certified, Oxygen Certified

**Nature Program Coordinator,** Akron Rotary Camp for Children and Adults with Special Needs, Akron, Ohio Summer 2013

* Created units and lessons with adaptations and modifications to allow campers of every level to participate
* Created a week long camp, including activities and off camp trips, for children who have been burn victims
* The primary caregiver for the camps ten reptiles

**Site Administrator: Child Care**, Blue Ash YMCA, Blue Ash, Ohio August 2012- May 2013

* Created daily lesson plans for students
* Quality Assurance
* Worked with ages 6-12
* Behavior Management

**Counselor,** Akron Rotary Camp for Children and Adults with Special Needs, Akron, Ohio Summer 2012

* Worked daily and overnight to allow people with special needs to attend summer camp
* Worked with campers ages 6-76
* Implemented behavior plans for campers on a weekly basis

**Lifeguard Supervisor,** Hastings Water Works, Brecksville, Ohio Summers 2010-2011

* Led a team of 25+ lifeguards, created a monthly schedule, customer service

**ACTIVITIES & SERVICE**

Student Council for Exceptional Children Member, Akron Rotary Camp for Adults and Children with Special Needs Event Promoter, Project SEARCH Peer Mentor, Alternative Spring Breaks (ASB) Vancouver: Urban Farming 2011, ASB Atlanta: Refugee Resettlement 2012, ASB Cincinnati: Urban vs. Suburban Schools 2013, Zane’s Foundation, Intramural Softball Champion, Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk, Alchemy Inc.