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Personal Credo:

Best teacher is the one who makes herself unnecessary by empowering students become autonomous learners.

Skills

Internationally experienced self-directed educator with a deep commitment to create equitable learning environments where students learn to take a constructive place in their own society. Communicating fluently in three languages (Finnish, Swedish, English), conversationally in two (Spanish, German).

Experience

Student Mentor – Teachers College, M.Ed. Graduate Programs

Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, UT, United States 5/2012 -Present

Mentoring and supporting teachers pursuing their masters' degrees in an online university. Facilitating students learning and empowering them to successfully master program concepts, knowledge and skills.

Teaching and Pedagogy Consultant - Port Angeles, WA, United States 12/2009 -Present

Trainings, workshops, presentations. Wide experience, knowledge of educational psychology and the insight of the Finnish educational system implemented in each individually tailored session.

Child Development Consultant - OlyCAP Head Start, Sequim, WA, United States 1/2011 -4/2012

Training, mentoring and supporting ECE teachers to thrive in their profession. Ensuring compliance with standards and funding source requirements. Learning and development resource for the program.

Academic Coordinator, Teacher Trainer - IMARC, Saltillo A.C., Mexico 10/2007 - 08/2008

Managed and trained a team of teachers with diverse skills and backgrounds in a bilingual school setting. Travelled around state of Coahuila to provide on-site training for teachers. Renewed the training program and rewrote the teaching manuals, and taught teaching methodology and techniques.

Classroom teacher and Stand-in teacher - City of Äänekoski, Finland 05/2003 - 10/2007

Taught and assessed students in many different elementary schools.

Private Early Childhood Educator and pre-school owner - Äänekoski, Self -employed 1990 - 2000

Worked as an ECE at home, ensuring students skills being ready for school at the age of 7 years.

Education

Master's Degree on Education University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland (2003)

Teacher's Qualification University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland (2003)

Subject Studies in Psychology University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland (2001)

Subject Studies in Education University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland (2000)

Private Caretaker's Qualification Centre of Adult Education, Äänekoski, Finland (1989)