

DENISE ZARTMANN

EDUCATION

LBS II Transition Specialist Endorsement National Louis University May 2021

MAT, Special Education, National Louis University December 2012 GPA 4.0

BA, History, North Central College June 2009 *magna cum laude*

CERTIFICATION

Illinois Type 10: LBS I Special (K-12) December 2012

Substitute Teaching Certificate and Paraprofessional Approval September 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Transition Specialist, East Aurora High School, Aurora, IL (August 2018- Present)

- Implement vocational and independent living skills curriculum to students age 18-22 with disabilities and monitor quarterly progress
- Manage student workers at a transition micro-business to teach positive work behaviors and fund community trips and special recreation activities
- Coordinate student community job placement schedules, collect on-site job performance data, collaborate with the job coach on student goals and behavior
- Maintain relationships with outside agencies and advise families on available services
- Plan and participate in community-based education and public transportation training
- Guide students through weekly budgeting, menu planning, shopping and preparing meals
- Assess transition students on vocational and independent living skills using skill-based and formal assessments
- Support students attending community college, teach self-advocacy skills and assist in utilizing the Access Center for accommodations
- Manage support staff assisting students in the classroom and the community including teaching assistants, job coaches and interpreters
- Coach Special Olympics track and field, sponsor an after-school club and chaperone Fox Valley Special Recreation events to create recreational opportunities for students with disabilities
- Mentor pre-service teachers in the field of transition services and act as cooperating teacher for student teachers

Special Education Teacher, Sycamore Middle School, Sycamore, IL (August 2017- July 2018)

- Co-teach 6th and 8th grade English and Math
- Manage a caseload of 8th grade students and communicate with students' families
- Collaborate with general education teachers to modify reading and math curriculum and assessments
- Deliver specialized instruction to small groups in a general education setting

Special Education Teacher, East Aurora High School, Aurora, IL (August 2013- July 2017)

- Collaborate with special education teachers, job coaches, transition specialists and related service providers in a Life Skills setting for grades 9-12
- Plan and instruct Adaptive PE, Health, English, Algebra, Freshman Social Studies and Life Science in a self-contained Life Skills program
- Work with teachers and district instructional coaches to align K-12 Life Skills curriculum and IEP goals

- Co-teach Health, American Government and Algebra within a general education setting
- Manage a caseload, monitor quarterly progress and communicate with students and families regarding academic and transition goals
- Participate in professional development classes and Professional Learning Communities for curriculum writing, assessment and program development within the special education department
- Mentor pre-service teachers in special education

Special Education Assistant, Glenbard South High School, Glen Ellyn, IL (November 2012 – June 2013)

- Provide one-on-one support for students on the autism spectrum in inclusive classes and support students within the guided instruction program
- Lead a daily “Social Thinking” small group activity for in the Structured Learning Program for autism
- Implement and recorded data for behavior monitoring

Student Teacher, Glenbard South High School, Glen Ellyn, IL (August - November 2012)

- Plan and instructed courses for special education students in grades 9-12 including English 4, World History, Contemporary World History and U.S. History
- Administer formal and informal assessments including MAP reading and math testing
- Monitor student progress in a Study Methods course
- Attend and participated in IEP meetings, Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences

Special Education Assistant, Glenbard West High School, Glen Ellyn, IL (September 2009 - June 2012)

- Assist special education students in study tutorial classes, the resource room and in Biology, Consumer Math, Geography, History and Government classes
- Work with students individually and in small groups to complete assignments and assessments

Substitute Teacher, Glenbard High School District #87 (September 2009 – 2013)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Special Olympics Track and Field coach (2018-present)

Therapeutic horseback riding instructor (2018-2019)