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Bilingual Teacher

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Bilingual Education

University of Texas at El Paso, Boulder, CO
February 2017

Relevant Coursework: Second Language Acquisition Theory, Multicultural Education, Spanish Linguistics, ESL Methodology, Literacy Development in Two Languages, Assessment of Bilingual Learners, Cross-Cultural Psychology

KEY SKILLS

- Dual-language instruction (50/50 and 90/10 models)
- WIDA assessment administration and data analysis
- Culturally sustaining pedagogies and curriculum adaptation
- Differentiated instruction for multilingual learners
- Spanish literacy development (phonics through comprehension)
- Cross-cultural communication and community building
- Educational technology integration (Google Classroom, SeeSaw)

ABOUT ME

Proven bilingual educator with 5+ years of expertise in dual-language instruction and culturally responsive curriculum design. Skilled in implementing research-based language acquisition strategies that drive measurable student achievement across English and Spanish literacy. Proficient in data-driven instruction, family engagement, and creating inclusive learning environments that celebrate multilingual learners' cultural assets while accelerating academic growth.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bilingual Teacher | August 2020 - Present
Harmony Elementary School, El Paso, TX

- Delivered dual-language curriculum to 24 students in grades 1-2, maintaining 50/50 English-Spanish instructional model while achieving 28% increase in bilingual literacy assessment scores
- Implemented scaffolded reading interventions for 18 emergent bilingual students, resulting in 85% meeting grade-level benchmarks by year-end
- Designed culturally responsive lesson plans incorporating students' home languages and traditions, increasing family engagement by 40% through quarterly cultural celebration events
- Collaborated with 3 ESL specialists and school counselor to develop individualized language acquisition plans for 12 newcomer students from Mexico and Central America
- Analyzed WIDA ACCESS scores quarterly for 48 multilingual learners across grade level, adjusting instructional strategies that contributed to 92% student growth in academic language proficiency
- Facilitated bilingual parent workshops for 35+ families monthly, providing home literacy strategies that improved reading practice consistency by 60%
- Integrated educational technology tools including SeeSaw and Flipgrid to support bilingual storytelling projects, engaging 100% of students in cross-cultural narrative sharing

Elementary Spanish Immersion Instructor | August 2018 - June 2019
Valley Learning Academy, El Paso, TX

- Executed Spanish immersion curriculum for 22 kindergarten students using play-based learning methodologies, achieving 95% oral fluency benchmarks by spring assessment
- Created 150+ digital learning resources including interactive games and multimedia content to support at-home Spanish language practice for families
- Conducted bi-weekly oral language assessments using IDEA Proficiency Tests, tracking progress for 44 students across two academic years
- Over 18 months, developed thematic units connecting Spanish vocabulary to STEM concepts, resulting in 78% of students demonstrating grade-level math skills in both languages

- Academic language development across content areas

- Established community partnerships with local Hispanic cultural organizations, organizing 6 field experiences that enhanced authentic language use and cultural understanding
- Mentored 2 student teachers in Spanish immersion methodologies, providing observation feedback that contributed to their successful certification completion
- Implemented Total Physical Response (TPR) techniques across daily instruction, increasing student vocabulary retention by 45% as measured through quarterly assessments

CERTIFICATIONS

- Texas Bilingual Education Certification, Texas Education Agency | June 2017
- TESOL Certification, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages International | March 2020
- WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Test Administrator Certification, WIDA Consortium | August 2021