**Justin Walter**

**Objective:**

To obtain a teaching position as per my certification, and to use my strong passion for children’s development, with skills and experience that will enable me to make a positive impact at your school.

**Education**

**Thiel College, Greenville, Pa**

* Bachelor of Arts with a Dual certification in Early Childhood Education (Pre K-4) and in Special Education (Pre K-8) May 2019
* Summa Cum Laude
* Cumulative GPA: 3.90
* In major GPA: 4.0

**Field Experiences**

**Hempfield Elementary, Greenville Area School District, Greenville, Pa** February 2017

* Mercer County HeadStart Program Preschool classroom
* Observed a wide range of diverse students from ages 3 and 4
* Worked individually and in small groups with students on academics and living skills

**Hempfield Elementary, Greenville Area School District, Greenville, Pa** March 2017

* Second Grade general education
* Worked cooperatively with teacher and staff
* Developed student rapport
* Assisted individual students who were struggling in classroom

**Greenville High School, Greenville Area School District, Greenville, Pa** October 2017

* Life Skills Classroom
* Grade eight through 21
* Taught hands-on lessons to enhance student learning
* Individually assessed students on weekly progress towards goals
* Observed an IEP meeting

**Commodore Perry School, Commodore Perry Area School District, Hadley, Pa** February 2018

* First grade general education class
* Taught numerous math and reading lessons
* Effectively used Smart Board Technologies and other useful devices
* Designed learning centers for different leveled students

**Artman Elementary, Hermitage Area School District, Hermitage, Pa** September 2018

* First and Second Grade Learning Support
* Observed and implemented the Sonday Program
* Studied various student’s IEPs and observed a student’s IEP meeting
* Created lessons for reading and math
* Worked individually with exceptional learners
* Conducted a progress monitoring observation on a student in a general education classroom

**Student Teaching Field Experience**

**Sharpsville Elementary, Sharpsville Area School District, Sharpsville, Pa** January 2019

* Fourth Grade Language Arts general education class
* Observed an Arts and Bots class that integrated technology, history, and art
* Taught two different classes the subject of language arts
* Taught a new class of students every two weeks due to flex groups
* Observed and implemented the teacher’s professionalism and classroom management techniques
* Created effective lesson plans and activities for students in the classroom

**Sharpsville Middle School, Sharpsville Area School District, Sharpsville, Pa**

* Sixth and Seventh Grade Math Learning Support
* Sixth and Seventh Grade Language Arts Learning Support
* Observed and assisted teachers in an autistic support classroom
* Taught students with a wide variety of disabilities

**Employment Experiences**

**Head Start Teacher**  August 2019

* Teach and promote school readiness of children ages 3-5 through education, mental health, healthy habits and social-emotional teachings.
* Implemented research-based creative curriculum design into the classroom.
* Worked one on one with low income parents and families to create a bridge and assistance from the classroom to home environment.
* Gathered data on individual students and implemented developmentally appropriate practices.
* Created individual goals for each student and implemented IEP’s of students identified.

**Recreational Staff**

* Hermitage Parks and Recreation, Hermitage, PA
* Worked 2 summers (2015, 2016) as a camp counselor for Hermitage Parks and Recreation consisting of children from 2nd to 7th grade.
* Worked cooperatively with other staff members
* Motivated children to be active and participate in structured activities
* Coached Hermitage youth wrestling summer program

**The Arc of Mercer County**

* Work as a Therapeutic Activities Aide
* In charge of the welfare of individuals ranging from ratios of 1:1, 1:6, 1:12
* Providing a wide range of service for special needs individuals ranging from low to higher functioning abilities.
  + Assisted in individual job skill development, health care needs, and other services.
* Crisis Prevention Institute Training
  + A nonviolent crisis intervention that equips an individual with positive strategies for handling difficult situations.
* ALICE Training
  + - Hermitage Police officer taught an interactive seminar for ALICE training

**Coaching Position, Hermitage School District**

* Coach students from grade K through 12 Hickory Wrestling
* SafeSchool Training

**Honors and Activities**

* Dean’s List 2015-2019
* Kappa Delta Pi, Education Honors Society
* Varsity Wrestling Team 2015-2018
* Cross Country Team 2015-2019
* Chi alpha Epsilon – Act 101 Honors Society
* Student board member for Act 101 at Thiel College, 2018-2019
* Alpha Chi Honor Society- Top 10% of the class
* Chi Alpha Sigma- National Athletic Honors Society

**Related Experiences**

**Academic Tutor** Fall 2016 to Fall of 2018

* Thiel College, Greenville, Pa
* Subjects: Western Traditions and Quantitative Reasoning

**Student worker for the Thiel Learning Commons**

* Thiel College, Greenville, Pa
* Creating spreadsheets and collecting data
* Directing students in the school library

**GOLD Program**

* Thiel College, Greenville, Pa
* Leadership program for student athletes

**Thiel Student Support Network**

* Thiel College, Greenville, Pa
* A series of trainings to give advice and direct students who may be struggling socially, emotionally, or mentally to proper professionals or school services.

**Bethel Life’s Loving Hands Program, Greenville, Pa**

* Greenville, Mercer, Pa.
* Children with special needs come to have fun and just be kids for a night.
* Structured activities for a range of ages and disabilities
* Participated as a “buddy” for one child for two nights

**Special Interests**

* Eager to participate in extracurricular activities as a wrestling or cross country coach.