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Education

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN Master of Science, Teacher Education Concentration: K-12 American Sign Language Education	2020 – 2023
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL Bachelor of Arts, Deaf Studies Education	2014 – 2016
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL Associates of Arts, Education	2011 – 2014

Teaching Experience

University of South Florida, Tampa FL Visiting Instructor American Sign Language and Deaf Culture	2024 – Present
University of South Florida, Tampa FL Adjunct Instructor American Sign Language and Deaf Culture	Fall 2023
Wiregrass Ranch High School, Tampa, FL ASL Teacher American Sign Language and Deaf Culture	Fall 2023
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN Adjunct Instructor American Sign Language and Deaf Culture	2023 – Present
Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, TN Internship Teacher American Sign Language, Deaf Studies, and Bilingual Education	Spring 2023
Central High School, Knoxville, TN Internship Taught American Sign Language and Deaf Studies	Fall 2022
Colson Elementary, Seffner, FL Teacher Assistant Taught Deaf and Hard of Hearing students ages 3-5	2016 – 2019

Tampa Language Center, Tampa, Florida 2017 – 2019
American Sign Language Teacher
American Sign Language and Deaf Culture to adults

Boys and Girls Club, Tampa, Florida 2016 – 2018
American Sign Language Teacher
Taught American Sign Language at an afterschool program for adolescents

Professional Experience

Deaf Mentor and Parent Advisor Program, Knoxville, TN – Deaf Mentor 2023 – Present
Katryna Does Wellness (KDW Mentoring), Central FL Virtual – Deaf Mentor 2023 – Present
Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, TN – Youth Service Worker 2 2019 – 2023
Educational Tutorial Services – Tampa, Florida 2017 – 2018

University and Professional Service

ASL Day for High School Students – Faculty Support Spring 2023
ASL/ Interpreting Curriculum – Committee Member 2024 – Present
Knoxville Chapter Tennessee Association of the Deaf – Vice President 2023 – 2024
American Sign Language Club, Colson Elementary School - Faculty Advisor 2017 –2019

Courses Taught

American Sign Language 1
American Sign Language 2
American Sign Language 3
American Sign Language 4
American Sign Language 5
ASL Narrative Analysis
Deaf Culture

Professional Organization Affiliation

American Sign Language Teachers Association Member 2023 – 2024
Diva Queens Step Team Assistant Coach (TSD) 2020 – 2022
USF ASL Bulls Club Vice President. 2015 – 2016
HCC Student Government Association Senator 2011 – 2012

Credentials

Pre-K – 12 American Sign Language License 2023 – 2026
Google Certified Educator Level 1 2023
Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI: ASL) - Advanced Plus 2019

Professional Development and Training

Common Misconception Workshop	Spring 2024
Identifying Reporting Child Abuse Neglect Online Course	August 2023
Classifiers/NMM and Using in an Educational Setting Workshop	Summer 2023
Trauma Certified by the Tennessee Department of Education	Spring 2022
Curriculum & Teaching In-service	2017 – 2018
WWE – D/HH Fairview Learning Workshop	Spring 2018