

CANDACE ELIZABETH FYKES

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OBJECTIVE

Writer and Certified English Teacher eager to implement my skills in a challenging environment.

SKILLS

✓Planning & Marketing	✓Professional	✓Staff Training & Leadership
✓Sales	✓Resourceful	✓Problem Resolution
✓Microsoft Office	✓Dedicated team player	✓Editing
✓Detail Oriented	✓Copywriting	✓Writing
✓Results-oriented	✓Proofreading	✓Google Analytics
✓Self-directed	✓SEO	✓Calendar Management
✓Self-starter	✓Education	✓Relationship Building

WRITING EXPERIENCE

Expatriate.co

Writer, Contributor | 2016—2018

- Contract writer for the most conclusive space for expatriates on the internet. Contributed weekly posts based on personal experiences of life abroad.

Purple Bars.com

Writer | 2015

- Completed a three-month internship with online magazine specializing in independent hip-hop music. Wrote reviews for both independent singles and full albums from emerging hip-hop artists.

TravelingStrange.com

Creator | Present

- An online magazine dedicated to travel tips, expatriate stories, and ethical fashion.

TheBlackDancingBody.blogspot.com

Creator | 2013—present

- A writing project created to explore the intersection and historical context between theatrical dance and race in America.

ClothedinRevolution.blogspot.com

Creator | 2015—2017

- A blog dedicated to the curation of personal style curated outside of the human exploitation of the conventional fashion industry.

MeetMeInMadrid.blogspot.com

Creator | 2016-2017

- A blog created to explore the journey of my life as an African-American expat in Spain.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Discovery Charter School

Teacher's Assistant| Newark, New Jersey| 2009-2011

- Applied the positive reinforcement method to redirect negative behaviors. Assisted 3-6 children per station during small group learning periods. Conducted small group and individual classroom activities based on differentiated learning needs. Observed students to supply teachers with feedback regarding potential learning blocks and opportunities for support. Conducted small group and individual classroom activities based on differentiated learning needs. Communicated effectively with educators from various grade levels.

America Reads: Andrus Early Learning Center

Teacher's Aide| Tuckahoe, NY| October 2010-May 2012|

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Council on International Educational Exchange: Teach in Spain

English Teacher | Charles Dickens School | Madrid Province | 2015-2016

- A language exchange program in which I taught 4 classes 4 days a week in a bilingual primary school. Developed lesson plans for young learners ages 5-6 using the communicative method. Organized events for multiple school-wide functions. Aligned curriculum with the learning needs of special needs children.

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Auxiliares de Conversación Extranjeros en España

English Teacher | *IES Pascual Calbó i Caldes* | Minorca | 2016-2017

- Developed challenging and curriculum and lesson plans for ESL students in Minorca, Spain aged 11-16. Organized classroom-based and schoolwide projects intended to further learning and implement real-world usage of English. Created games and implemented other tools to facilitate fun and effective method of English Language acquisition.

Programa Beda, Bilingual English Development and Assistance

English Teacher | *San Vicente Ferrer* | Valencia | Present

- ESL certificate program for which I took classes and developed challenging and curriculum and lesson plans for Catholic school students aged 11-16 in Valencia, Spain. Organized classroom-based and schoolwide projects intended to further learning and implement real-world usage of English. Created games and implemented other tools to facilitate fun and effective method of English Language acquisition.

INTERNSHIPS

Abraham.In.Motion

Intern | New York City | 2014-2015

- Marketing intern for 2013 McArthur Foundation Genius Fellow Kyle Abraham. Organized travel schedule, studio rentals and accommodations for the company. Maintained schedule for Artistic Director. Created comprehensive list of donors, company contributors and venues for use in mailings.

Gibney Dance

Intern | New York City | 2015

- Assisted with studio rentals and day-to-day facilities management, as well as with planning and execution of Center programs and events.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Horizon Community Development

Program Director | New Jersey | 2008-2010

- Promoted language development skills through reading and storytelling.
- Conducted small group and individual classroom activities based on differentiated learning needs.
- Supplied one-on-one attention to each student, while maintaining overall focus on the entire group.

- Created weekly lesson plans for activities.
- Made nutritious snacks and meals for 30 children.
- Continually encouraged children to be understanding and patient with others.
- Coordinated field trips to local libraries, nursing homes, museums and other places of cultural interest.
- Monitored educational progress by keeping detailed individual charts and files.
- Created and implemented developmentally-appropriate curriculum that addressed all learning styles.
- Incorporated music, art and theater into lesson planning.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts: Liberal Arts
SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE 2014

ESL/TESOL/TEFL Certification
Council on International Educational Exchange 2015

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Promoted from volunteer to Program Director after 2 months at Horizons Community Development.
- Recipient of the Andrea Berger Kalodner General Scholarship in 2013
- Recipient of the Eugenie and Benjamin Robinson Scholarship in 2012 and 2013.
- Recipient of the Fellas, Inc. College Scholarship Fund in 2014.