

# MARIA DEJAC

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## EDUCATION

### **Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA**

*Bachelor of Science in Education, Birth-Five*

*GPA: 3.75*

December 2021

## CERTIFICATION

Birth-Five Education

## ENDORSEMENT

Preschool Special Education

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Teacher Resident, CREATE Teacher Residency**

Fall 2021

- ❖ Actively involved in Cognitively Based Compassion Training course that provides tools to practice and implement mindfulness techniques.
- ❖ Participated in tailored and unique meetings that allow the opportunity to build and cultivate a progressive community of educators
- ❖ Practiced teaching that prioritized racial justice and interrupted classroom inequities.

### **Student Teacher, Fall 2021, Centennial Academy Charter School, Atlanta, GA**

- ❖ Opening School Experience offered experience in pre-planning and first week of school. I participated in professional development along with my CREATE Cooperating Teacher.
- ❖ Student Teaching offered teaching experiences in clinical practice within a kindergarten classroom. I collaborated with the kindergarten team with the goal to create culturally relevant and inclusion lesson unit plans for our grade level.
- ❖ STEAM and Project-based learning was implemented throughout lesson activities as well as the practical use of technology such as a smartboard, web-based tools (Nearpod, Seesaw, etc.), videos, and laptops.

### **Intern - Infant/Toddler classroom, Fall 2020 Atlanta Children's Shelter, Atlanta, GA**

- ❖ Served as observer and collaborating instructor in Infant Classroom & Early Preschool Classroom (2-3 years old)
- ❖ Provided lessons through distance learning.
- ❖ Implemented early literacy and math skills using book reading activities.

### **Intern - PreK/Kindergarten classroom, Spring 2021 Rivers Elementary School, Atlanta, GA**

- ❖ Served as observer and collaborating instructor in Pre-K and Kindergarten classroom
- ❖ Provided lessons through distance learning.

- ❖ Created lessons for both small and large group sessions that used web-based tools.
- ❖ Integrated STEAM lessons that were engaging and interactive.

### **Afterschool Teacher**

**Aug 2019 – Feb 2020**

*The Club at Springdale Park Elementary, Atlanta, GA |*

- ❖ Supervised up to 25 students ranging from Kindergarten to Fifth grade.
- ❖ Created core value activities within a lesson plan format.
- ❖ Reinforced school policies and maintain a safe and positive school climate.
- ❖ Provided a variety of materials and resources for children to explore, manipulate, and use in learning activities.

### **Afterschool Tutor**

**Jan 2017 – May 2018**

*Barksdale Elementary school | Conyers, GA*

- ❖ Assisted children from third to sixth grade in the development of literacy and math skills.
- ❖ Engaged in academic activities with selected students either one-on-one or with small groups.
- ❖ Reviewed class material with students by discussing text, working solutions to problems, or reviewing worksheets as well as other assignments.
- ❖ Provided feedback to students using positive reinforcement techniques to encourage, motivate, or build confidence in students.

### **Special Education Paraprofessional**

**Nov 2015 – May 2018**

*Barksdale Elementary school | Conyers, GA*

- ❖ Assisted certified teachers and other professionals with instructing and supervising children in classroom activities, particularly students identified as moderate to severely disabled.
- ❖ Aided in developing and implementing curriculum for special needs students.
- ❖ Responsible for adapting and administering assessments and collecting student data.
- ❖ Provided support for individual students inside and outside the classroom to enable them to fully participate in activities.

### **Activities and Honors**

National Education Association (NEA), 2015-Present  
 GSU Assessment and Accreditation Committee, Jan. 2021 - Present  
 Dean's List and President's List

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request