



ON THE JOB

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Undergrad Major:
English Literature
Graduate Major:
Special Education

Job:
Special Education
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WHAT DO YOU DO ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS?

I teach Math, Science, Social Studies and English for students with Moderate Intellectual Disabilities. I have students ranging from the ages of 11-16. I work daily with my students to get them prepared for life after school. We learn adaptive skills that are necessary for students to be able to take care of themselves such as getting dressed, cleaning, and managing money. We work on doing laundry, dishes, cooking and being able to order at a restaurant independently. We go out into the community twice a month to work on these skills and help better understand things in the community. My students have a wide range of skills. Some are non-verbal and use devices or sign language to communicate. Some students can eat independently while others need to be fed or have a feeding tube. I work with students daily on goals to ensure they can be the most independent they can for the future.

DO YOU HAVE ADVICE FOR STUDENTS?

"I love teaching and love the route that I took. I did not know I wanted to be a special education teacher until my last semester internship with special needs kids. I would recommend you try out many different areas in education. I thought I would want to work with younger kids. Throughout my 8 years of teaching, I have worked with elementary, middle, and high school students. I have worked with different types of disabilities in many different classrooms. I found that I love middle school and the self-contained classroom. I suggest you explore different areas and different ages before you choose just one area of concentration."