

I have graduated from Mohawk College (General Arts and Science), McMaster, and Charles Sturt University (Burlington) for Teacher's College.

**After Teacher's College, I volunteered my time with the following schools and organizations:**

I volunteered in a **grade 2/3** class from May 2010-June 2010 at **Collegiate Avenue**.

In from October 2010 until June 2011, I volunteered in a **grade one** class at **Collegiate Avenue** and in a **JK/SK class** at **Winona Public**. I started a Creative writing Comic club at both schools and started a **drama club at Collegiate Avenue** that year.

My main duty was to help struggling readers by taking them out of class and into the library where I had them complete lessons from the **CLiCK program** that I taught.

I also **worked closely with Mrs. Dawn (Head of Winona's Special Education department)** where I would give her my reports on each child. We would then discuss the next steps for each child and provide the appropriate level work for them to work on, followed by further reporting.

I volunteered at **Early Scholar's Preschool** in Stoney Creek every Friday morning from January 2010-June 2010.

The **grade 4/5** teacher currently at Collegiate Avenue has been calling me in since November of this year to teach drama lessons to his class.

I also volunteer two days a week at with a **grade 5** class at **Strathcona school** where I have been asked to help create a **Creative writing Comic workshop for the students during their second nutrition break**. We are currently planning on creating a section in the library for the students to display their work for the school to read and enjoy. I am also in the process of starting an improvisation club with the same class.

I volunteered at the **Downtown Branch of the Hamilton Public Library**, where I tutored a 40 year old Somali man english and helped him adjust to Canadian/downtown life, every Friday night from October 2010-May 2010.

I have been member of the Staricase Theatre Improv players for a year and counting, where we practice our craft every Monday night for an audience or to each other.

In my spare time, I play the guitar and teach the TABs method of guitar to students for free.

I have been **creating reading and writing lessons based on popular Super hero comic personalities since the spring of 2010. My grade 4/5 class did not like to read silently or at all**. To try and solve this challenge, I asked the students what they were interested in and the majority of the students loved supernatural creatures such as vampires and werewolves (probably due to Twilight) and super heroes.

To encourage the students to keep writing, **I created a mailbox in my practicum class**, where I created a list of the characters featured in our lessons and stories for the students

to write letters to. I would answer them during the weekend and mail their responses back as that character on Mondays.

I started to search for comics and graphic novels that fit their interests. I then re-wrote the comics and graphic novels into script form where the students pick a character and then provide their own unique voice to that character so that they are speaking to each other as the chosen characters and are truly getting involved with the reading by being a part of it.

My practicum grade 4/5 class loved that story so much that they wanted me to photocopy it for them to bring home so they could read it with their families.

I was so inspired that ever since then, I have been adapting popular comics and graphic novels into script form. I also provide questions for the class to consider and answer while we read the scripts.

On the advice of the teachers for whom I have taught the above lessons, **I am hoping to one day create a reading and writing program/units that will use my scripts and will be sold to different school boards for teachers to use in their classrooms.**

If you would like me to include anything else, please let me know.

I am always at Strathcona on days 1 and 3 but they have changed days before. The grade 4/5 teacher emails me ahead of time when he wants me to teach drama to his class, so that won't be a problem.

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