

LISA MORSE

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OBJECTIVE

To build the foundations of lifelong learning and literacy for my students whether it is teaching English or Spanish at the middle or high school level.

EDUCATION

Grand Valley State University Allendale, MI 2000 - 2005
Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature
Grand Valley State University Honors College Graduate
Major: **English (BA)** Minor: **Spanish (FF)**
Overall GPA: 3.604 Major GPA: **3.833**
Dean's List – Seven semesters
Michigan teacher certification in English (BA) and Spanish (FF)

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

City High/Middle School

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Student Teacher, Seventh and Eighth Grade Humanities and Journalism

January 10 - April 23, 2005

- Student taught full time in an accelerated urban middle school setting.
- Created and taught 5E-format lesson plans in alignment with the Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for middle school English instruction and the Grand Rapids Public Schools curriculum.
- Integrated English, history, art, and cultural studies into unit plans for seventh and eighth grade Humanities classes.
- Served as an advisor to seventh and eighth graders in a Montessori-style Journalism class.
- Encouraged student responsibility through the development and distribution of bi-weekly student agendas.
- Responsible for daily classroom tasks, including attendance, grading, and creation of instructional materials.
- Facilitated communication with parents and guardians during parent-teacher conferences, and through letters, phone, and e-mail updates.
- Chaperoned after-school events for the City Middle School Student Council.
- Attended faculty meetings for the City High/Middle School staff.

Muskegon High School

Muskegon, Michigan

Teacher Assistant, Fine Arts & Expression Academy – English 10

August 26 - December 2004

- Assisted four hours a day, five days a week in a multicultural inner-city setting.
- Supervised students during whole class, small group, and individual activities.
- Collaborated with the supervising teacher to develop a unit in alignment with the Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for high school English instruction and the Muskegon High School curriculum.
- Created and taught ITIP-format lesson plans.
- Aided the supervising teacher in classroom tasks, including attendance, grading, and creation of instructional materials.
- Utilized a variety of technologies to facilitate communication and learning, including e-mail, the Excelsior/Pinnacle Plus gradebook program, Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.
- Attended team and department meetings and professional development seminars for the Muskegon High School staff.

Hudsonville High School

Hudsonville, Michigan

Classroom Volunteer, English II and Reading II classes

January 2004

- Volunteered daily in the same sophomore classroom for a period of two weeks.
- Assisted students, including students with learning disabilities, one-on-one during classroom activities and visits to the school library.
- Aided the teacher in classroom tasks, including filing and creation of materials for classroom activities.

Grand Valley State University

Allendale, Michigan

Resident Assistant, Niemeyer Living Center (Honors College Housing)

Academic Year 2003 – 2004

Resident Assistant, Laker Village Apartments

Academic Years 2001 – 2003

- Developed and facilitated meaningful programming that encouraged educational and social growth and diversity awareness within Niemeyer Living Center and Laker Village Apartments.
- Served as a role model, counselor, and resource person for 66 Grand Valley Honors College freshmen, sophomores, and juniors (2003-04 school year) and 120 upperclassmen (2001-03 school years).
- Assisted with the hiring, training and development of new Housing and Residence Life student staff members.
- Responsible for a variety of administrative tasks.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Muskegon School District Faculty and Staff Orientation, Muskegon High School, August 26-27, 2004
- Annual Fall Conference, Michigan Council of Teachers of English, October 8, 2004
- Celebrate Literacy Conference, Grand Valley State University, October 22-23, 2004
- Fire Up! Conference for Student Teachers, Grand Valley State University, March 7, 2005

HONORS and ACTIVITIES

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist

Sigma Tau Delta (National English Honor Society), 2002 - Present

- Chapter Council, 2003 -2004

National Residence Hall Honorary -- Laker Chapter, 2001 - 2005

- Vice President of Recognition, 2003 - 2004
- Executive Vice President, 2002 - 2003

Residence Housing Association -- Laker Chapter, 2000 - 2004

- Ex:Oficio of Technology, 2001 - 2002

Living Centers I House Council, 2000 - 2001

- Academics Chair

Grand Valley State University Renaissance Festival

Otaku no Anime

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

GVSU Honors College Study Tour to Paris, France

March 2004

- Toured the city for nine days to study Gothic history, architecture, and art under the leadership of GVSU Honors College and Art Department professors.

GVSU Honors College Study Tour to Rome, Italy

March 2003

- Toured the city for nine days to study ancient and medieval Roman history, architecture and art under the leadership of GVSU Honors College professors.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Gordon Food Service Marketplace, Comstock Park, MI

September 2003 - Present

- Customer service/cashier

Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resort, Sandusky, OH

April 2001 - August 2004

- Zone 6 Supervisor, 2004
- Zone 5 Supervisor, 2003
- Group Sales Team Leader, 2002
- Group Sales Assistant Team Leader, 2001
- Campus Ambassador to Grand Valley State University, Winters, 2001-2004

INTERESTS

Reading, writing, computers, camping/outdoors, dance, travel

REFERENCES

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