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Objective: Experienced ELA educator with extensive Orton-Gillingham training seeking a position as a critical reading foundations teacher to support diverse learners through structured literacy, multisensory techniques for student engagement, and evidence-based comprehension instruction.

Education

Towson University, Master of Reading Education Program BCPS cohort to commence in Fall 2026

WPUNJ, Master of Education, Educational Leadership, *Learners as Leaders*, U.S. D.O.E. grant (May 2018)

WPUNJ, Master of Education, Special Education – Teacher of Students with Disabilities, 2015

William Paterson University, *The New Vistas Teaching Project*, a U.S. D.O.E Education Transition to Teaching Grant:

Middle School Language Arts with T.O.S.W.L.D endorsement (Cohort 4) - 2014

FDU, Teaneck/Madison, NJ - Dyslexia Specialist Certificate 2-year program, IMSLEC certified

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Tenafly satellite, NJ- Orton Gillingham Teacher Scholar Certificate – 2010-2012

“Introduction to Speech and Language Disorders/Audiology” & “Phonetics” William Patterson University 2006

Center for the Media Arts: Germain School of Photography,

Professional Career Photography (Accelerated) NY, NY 1984 (did not complete due to sudden illness)

Spelman College, Atlanta, GA, 1982 BA Economics, *cum laude*

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY – Junior Year exchange program, 1981

Certifications (Maryland and New Jersey)

Maryland Certificate, Administrator I–Cert #3005 exp 6/30/2027

Maryland Certificate, Specialist, Reading Teacher - –Cert #3005 exp 6/30/2027

Maryland Certificate, Teaching General/Special Educator –Cert #3005 exp 6/30/2027

Maryland Certificate, Supervisor, Special Education Cert #3005 exp 6/30/2027

New Jersey State CE Certificate, Principal – 2018 Cert # 1110280

New Jersey Standard Certificate, Supervisor – 2018 Cert # 1094246

New Jersey State Standard Certificate, Middle School English Language Arts Teacher –

2015 Cert. # 999179

New Jersey State Standard Certificate, N-8 Elementary School Teacher – 2014 Cert # 947130

New Jersey State Standard Certificate, Teacher of Students with Disabilities 2014 Cert # 947131

New Jersey State CE, Teacher of Commercial Photography 2008 Cert #704937

Professional Development *(most recent, but not all inclusive list)*

- April 2026 BCPS Equity Symposium—Equity Liaison presentation: “Photography through the Lens of Equity.”
- April/May 2025 “Structured Language Interventions for Written Expression” Dr. Charles Winthrop Haynes/NJIDA
- May 2024 “SIOP training”
- May 2024 “Equity Symposium” held at Morgan State University

Leadership Experience

2023-2026 Equity Liaison for General John Stricker Middle School

- Oversaw a PLC committee of educators including one administrator per meeting to strengthening the communications and cohesivity among the diverse school environments. Worked closely with the principal to devise plans for a student involvement in the committee. Used data to drive the discussion of equity in attendance, testing results and impact on culture.

2023-2025 Equity Liaison for General John Stricker Middle School

- Attended Equity conferences and a Winter and Spring Symposium sponsored by both Baltimore County Public Schools and Baltimore City Public Schools at different intervals.

Educator Experience

MD Digital portfolio link: <https://www.deirdrewilsonredmondmd.com/>

NJ Digital portfolio link: <https://www.dwilsonredmondeportfolio3.com/>

8/2023 - present **Baltimore County Public Schools,**

General John Stricker Middle School

Dundalk, MD

6th-8th Grade Orton Gillingham Reading Foundations specialist, Case Manager (18 students)

Responsibilities: Working with a selection of students with reading level equivalency 5 to 7 years below their current age and grade level to retrain their brains using the multisensory strategies of Orton Gillingham. SLO was not required this year although data is available to support growth. Case management duties include third party billing monthly preparation, quarterly progress reports for all students on my caseload and IEP preparation for team meetings. This year an SLO was produced with data which indicated improvement in both reading and spelling for total target population. Case management duties.

7/2022 - 6/2023 **Baltimore County Public Schools,**

General John Stricker Middle School

Dundalk, MD

6th-8th Grade Special Education Teacher/Inclusion & Orton Gillingham specialist, Case Manager (10 students)

Responsibilities: Worked in many capacities this first year in the district. Developed supportive reading approaches with a selection of 18 students in one class with reading level equivalency 5 to 7 years below their current age and grade level to retrain their brains using the multisensory strategies of Orton Gillingham. Pushed into a general education classroom to support ELA 6th grade teacher and shared several successful multisensory strategies while improving classroom management techniques. Provided support to general ed teacher in many areas. Taught a self-contained ELA 6th grade class with curriculum selected by the district. Produced the required SLO data which indicated improvement in both reading and spelling for total target population of students with learning differences. Case management duties included monthly third-party billing preparation, quarterly progress reports for all students on my caseload and IEP preparation for team meetings.

9/2020-6/2022 **Paterson Board of Education, Public School #16**

Paterson, NJ

Orton Gillingham Reading Interventionist

Responsibilities: Worked with a selection of students with reading level equivalency 3 to 5 years below their current age and grade level to retrain their brains using the multisensory strategies of Orton Gillingham. After first year and even during the virtual environment, produced favorable data.

9/2016-6/2019 **Paterson Board of Education, Public School #16**

Paterson, NJ

6th-8th Grade ELA Language Arts and Writing teacher (general ed)

Responsibilities: Positioned as a teacher for over 70 (3 sections) general education students to teach language arts in brand new building. Used multisensory and brain-based strategies to bolster motivation through increased engagement in a responsive classroom setting factoring in different learning styles. Applied several authentic assessments related to knowledge of reading fluency, reading comprehension and spelling words, as well. Looped with a single class for three grade levels after teaching the 1st 8th grade graduating class.

9/2015-6/2016 **Paterson Board of Education,**

The Young Men's Leadership Academy

Paterson, NJ

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade ELA Language Arts and Writing teacher (general ed)

Responsibilities: Positioned as a teacher for 55 general education students (3 sections) to teach language arts in brand new single gender school. Used multisensory and brain-based strategies to bolster motivation through increased engagement in a responsive classroom setting factoring in different learning styles.

9/2014-6/2015 **Paterson Board of Education, Elementary (K-6) Public School # 5**

Paterson, NJ

6th Grade ELA Language Arts, Writing and Social Studies teacher (general ed)

Responsibilities: Positioned as a teacher for 57 general education students (2 sections) to teach language arts and social studies in this Full-Service Community School. SGO reached "Full Attainment" at 3.35, just shy of "Exceptional" status with SGO based on the benchmark Star Reading Assessment. Used multisensory and brain-based strategies to bolster motivation through increased engagement in a responsive classroom setting factoring in different learning styles. Applied several authentic assessments related to knowledge of reading fluency, reading comprehension and spelling words, as well. Taught OG spelling rules, e.g., the y-ending rule. Created script adaptation from three book excerpts resulting in the production of a play, "Identities" teaching the IFL concept of theme to entire 6th grade.

9/2013-6/2014 **Paterson Board of Education, Elementary (K-8) Public School # 2**

Paterson, NJ

6th Grade ELA Language Arts, Writing and Social Studies teacher (general ed)

(Full-year Maternity Leave Replacement)

Responsibilities: Positioned as a teacher for 40 general education students (2 sections) to teach language arts and social studies. Students received varied assessments at the beginning of the year namely the Star Assessment. Applied several authentic assessments related to knowledge of reading and spelling words, as well. Apply motivational techniques through classroom management plan of "Rock Star tickets," which increase engagement of students. Teaching curriculum based of the Common Core Standards. Incorporating novel reading (Bridge to Terabithia, Tuck Everlasting, Before We Were Free, and The Color of My Words) to satisfy fiction or narrative text requirement and non-fiction or informational text through a variety of short segment resources. Incorporate technology into their learning through use of in-class computers and personal iPads to enhance the experience of visual learning. Differentiate lesson

planning to reach entire population amongst a widely, academically diverse grouping of students.

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10/2012-12/2012 **The Craig School (Lower School)**

Mountain Lakes, NJ

Reading Specialist/Language Arts teacher

(Disability Leave Replacement)

Orton-Gillingham/Multi-sensory instruction Practitioner,

Grades 3-4, 6-8

9/2011-10/2012 **Closter Board of Education, Hillside Elementary School**

Closter, NJ

Part-time Paraeducator

Pre-K and Grades 2 and 3 lunch recess duty (2012) Grade 2, *One on-one Para-Educator (2011-2012)

9/2008-6/2012 **New Milford Board of Education, David E. Owens Middle School**

New Milford, NJ

Part-time Paraeducator - Grades 6, 7, & 8 *Para-Educator - 9/10-6/12

Full-time Paraeducator - Grades 6 & 7, *One-on-one Para-Educator – 9/08- 6/10

9/2010-6/2011 **Closter Board of Education, Tenakill Middle School**

Closter, NJ

Part-time Paraeducator- Grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 *Para-Educator

9/2002-6/2008 **Bergen County Special Services** (multiple high schools)

Bergen Vocational-Technical High School

& Bergen County Academies

Paramus, NJ

Substitute Teacher

1/2011-present **D.W. Redmond Academic Therapy**

Glen Burnie, MD/NYC Metro area

Corporate Experience

9/2001-12/2001 **Comedy Cures (non-profit)**

NYC/NJ metro area

Provided to support to the first responders on 911 at Ground Zero under the direction of the Red Cross
Fundraising Director

9/2002-6/2018 **D.W. Matthews Studios LLC**

NY/NJ metro area

President and lead photographer (entrepreneur)
Weddings, headshots, promo shoots, Sweet 16s & family portraits

9/1992-6/2001 **Showtime Networks,**

New York, NY

Photography Manager/Corporate Communications department

9/1990-8/1992 **Financial World Magazine,**

New York, NY

Photo Editor

11/1983-9/1990 **Life Magazine,**

New York, NY

Photo Editor & Curator of the 50 years of monthly Life Magazine exhibit

11/1982-10/1983 **Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler law offices,**

New York, NY

1st corporate paralegal in firm's history (Bill Cosby's corporate

account was one of my main accounts)

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Interests & Activities

Lay Ministry

- Contributing my skills and gifts for church missions work.

National Junior Honor Society (2019-2022) in New Jersey

- Initiated chapter at School 16 in 2019 and held the position as National Advisor
 - Oversight of 5 faculty advisors along with 26 students
 - In November 2021, students (the entire chapter) received “Students That Made A Difference” and were awarded trophies and certificates from the Mayor of Paterson, NJ for their work serving several communities during the pandemic and in a quarantined environment.

Commercial Digital Photography/Art/Videography (lifetime vocation) ❖ *Digital graphic design, **Adobe Photoshop**, professional headshots, event, product and portrait photography and novice watercolor pencil and graphite pencil sketch artist, scrapbooking, collage- building. Creating videos, incorporating music, graphics and videos.*

Crocheting & Sewing (Instagram- 3HeartsHandcrafts)

Reading & Writing (Journal writing)

Personal Fitness Training & Dance

