# **BERNADETTE SMITH**

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### **OBJECTIVE**

Seeking a position as a Secondary Education English Teacher with an availability to coach softball

#### EDUCATION

**Governors State University**, University Park, IL, May 2013 Bachelor of Arts, Education, Type 09 Teaching Certification Emphasis in English, Dean's List 2011-2013

**Moraine Valley Community College**, Palos Hills, IL, May 2011 Associate in Liberal Arts

#### **RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

Major Black Authors	Contemporary American Literature	Shakespeare's Plays
Modern American Poetry	Major English Authors	Modern English Grammar
World Mythology	Methods of Teaching English	Major American Authors

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Hometown High School, Hometown, IL, January-April 2013 Student Teacher

- Generated an effective unit plan for Shakespeare's Macbeth, helping students to comprehend the main concepts of the play and be less intimidated by unfamiliar vocabulary.
- Taught F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby through drawings, discussions, and acting in order to involve students in the novel and to understand the importance of the 1920's era.
- Acted as a liaison between administration, parents, and students to increase family participation.

Clinical Lab Experience, October-December 2012

- Incorporated discussion-based learning into curriculum through group activities.
- Focused on Junior and Senior literature courses and the school newspaper to teach journalism methods to upper division students.
- Edited student essays for accuracy and depth to increase student writing skills.
- Prepared lesson plans and projects to include all learners in the classroom setting, including students with special education needs.
- Collaborated with students and families each semester through phone calls and visits to increase self esteem and improve student grades.

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

**ABC High School**, Hometown, IL, August 2010-September 2012 Tutor

- Oriented freshmen students to high school level assignments to improve adjustment skills.
- Facilitated writing assignments to create clear summaries from current periodicals.
- Mentored students in the improvement of writing skills and abilities after school.
- Assisted students to increase understanding of sentence structure in the English language.

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

- Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Power Point, Skyward, Smart Board.
- Ability to speak fluent English and French conversationally.