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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Deeply interested in developing the ideals of citizenship, critical thinking, and curiosity in youth.
- Ability to teach a variety of subjects including Social Studies, English and many CTF/CTS programs.
- Excited about providing students with extra-curricular activities.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

I hope to see youth enter adulthood with the curiosity to understand the world around them, the values necessary to empathize with other perspectives, and the competencies to adapt to changing circumstances. To support this, it is critical that teachers develop authentic relationships with their students to create an environment supportive of learning and use a variety of formative assessment strategies to inform their practice on how to best reach them. Then, having used varied and inclusive pedagogies to build knowledge, employ a balanced strategy to collect evidence of learning, giving students the opportunity to play to their strengths while supporting them as they leave their comfort zones, and achieve the personal growth necessary for rigorous learning.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2021 - **High School Social Studies & Business Teacher**Present **HUB@Home School, Foothills School Division**

Okotoks, Alberta

- Taught Grades 10-12 Social Studies at -1 and -2 levels as well as Business 20 and 30.
- Developed and refined Moodle courseware for Social Studies and Business courses.

Taught Personal Psychology 20, Food Studies 30, CALM and Phys Ed 10.

- Organized National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Remembrance Day virtual assemblies.
- Indigenous Learning Lead.
- Student Council Teacher Representative.

Oct. 2020 - CTS & Options Teacher – HUB Program

Okotoks, Alberta

- June 2021 École Secondaire Foothills Composite High School, Foothills School Division
 - Developed associated Moodle courseware, then taught Business 30 and Computer Science 10.
 - Developed Moodle courseware for Business 20 and CTR 1010.

Nov. 2019 -April 2020

Field Placement - Central Memorial High School

Calgary, Alberta

- Taught Social Studies 20-1, and 30-2.
- Developed units focused on nationalism and economic systems, leveraging games and simulation.
- Incorporated FNMI experiences of World War I into nationalism unit.
- Supported Model UN and Track & Field teams.

March 2019 -April 2019

Field Placement - McKenzie Highlands School

Calgary, Alberta

- Taught Grade 9 Social Studies.
- Working with another student teacher, developed a unit focused on consumerism that integrated the role of social media in shaping consumer demand.

EDUCATION

April 2020

University of Calgary - Werklund School of Education

Calgary, Alberta

August 2019 Royal Military College

Master of Defense Studies

November 2014 University of Calgary

Calgary, Alberta

Kingston, Ontario

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - Management Minor

RELATED EXPERIENCE

January 2001 - Army Reserve Infantry Officer (Part Time), Canadian Armed Forces

Calgary, Alberta

Present

- Instructed on numerous military training courses, developing training plans as needed.
- Commanded The Calgary Highlanders, Calgary's Army Reserve Infantry Regiment. Responsible for the training and welfare of 270 soldiers.
- Military qualifications include the Joint Command and Staff Program, Infantry Dismounted Company Commanders' Course, U.S. Army Psychological Operations Officers' Course, and Basic Winter Warfare.
- Other military service noted below denotes full-time employment.

April - August 2020 Commanding Officer, 41 Brigade Battle School and Territorial Battalion Group, Canadian Armed Forces

Wainwright, Alberta

- Formed, organized, and led a team of 450 Army Reserve soldiers from across Alberta, initially as a part of a contingency force for COVID response, then establishing a temporary recruit training center.
- Supervised the delivery of 14 recruit and occupational training courses, each consisting of 30 students.

May 2011 - **Project Manager and Team Lead, Absorb Software Inc.** Sept. 2018

Calgary, Alberta

- As Sales Engineering Team Lead, hired, mentored, and managed a team providing technical support to a global sales force, working closely with prospective clients to ensure the Absorb Learning Management System met their functional and technical requirements.
- As Project Manager, was responsible for over 200 software deployments for corporate, government, and non-profit organizations, training client IT teams, managing schedules of multiple concurrent projects, and leading a multidisciplinary team of software developers and graphic designers.

Nov. 2008 - **Military Career Counsellor, Canadian Armed Forces** May 2011

Calgary, Alberta

• Conducted applicant selection interviews and counselled applicants on educational, physical fitness, criminal, and drug issues, helping them to reach the required standards.

May 2005 - Battle Group Information Operations Officer / Duty Officer,

Kandahar, Afghanistan

Nov. 2008 Canadian Armed Forces

- As part of a planning team, evaluated and documented the intended physical and psychological impact of the Canadian Battle Group's combat operations in Afghanistan.
- Developed media campaigns to support mission objectives such as encouraging Afghans to report insurgent activity or support local government leaders.
- Produced intelligence reports on Afghan security forces, local governance and tribal dynamics.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Content Creator, Werklund School of Education, "Indigenizing UPE for K-12 in Alberta".
- Event Facilitator, WESTCAST Student Teacher Conference 2019.

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

- Alberta Family Wellness Initiative Brain Story (2020). Explores the relationship of trauma to brain development, and a variety of educational and health outcomes.
- St John's Standard First Aid (2019).