

Why Teaching?

Growing up, I had always been a straight A student in English, but I always wanted to be a veterinarian. During my high school career, I started teaching Swim Lessons at a local YMCA, and it changed my life. I saw the look in the kids eyes when the swimming finally clicked, and I knew that I had to be a teacher.

I had always enjoyed reading and writing, so I knew I needed to teach English. I believe that students deserve to have a teacher that is not only passionate about their content area, but also passionate about student learning as well. It's the best feeling in the world to help a child learn something, but the best memories I have about teaching swim lessons are when I taught the students to believe they could actually swim. If my students learn nothing else from me, I want them to at least learn they can accomplish *anything* if they try hard enough.

The dispositions I have that will help me as a teacher include being hard-working, passionate, and empathetic. I have always kept numerous jobs throughout college and have still kept my grades high—If I put my mind to something I will do it. I also care so much about other people and try and see how a given situation would make them feel. I believe that these will help me a lot during teaching, and I have so much more to gain in the future as well.

During my high school and college career, I have dedicated all my spare time to helping kids, because its what brings me joy. I worked at YMCA's throughout my High school career and into college. I have also worked at a private school in my area, coached their swim team, created a summer swim lesson program, and nannied two wonderful kids. Everyday going to these various jobs reminds me that I made the right decision to pursue a future as a teacher.

Thanks,

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