

I have earned a Bachelor's in Biochemistry with a minor in Earth Sciences from the University of California San Diego and a Maîtrise de Pédagogie from the Coopération Française. In addition, I have obtained a Life Science, a Physical Science, and a Multi-Subject Secondary Teaching credential in the State of California. I wrote physical science curriculum and lab manuals for the Oakland School District in California.

I started my teaching career as a teaching assistant of Genetics at the University of California San Diego. Then while serving for several years in the United States Peace Corps in Niger, I taught Natural Sciences and Organic Chemistry in French at Lycée Amadou Kouran Daga to students in grades 10, 11, and 12. I also taught Anatomy and Physiology in French at École Nationale des Infirmières et des Cadres de l'Action Sociale, the national nursing school to 2nd and 3rd year nursing students. Upon returning to the United States, I taught Biology, Chemistry, Physics and English as a Second Language and Mathematics from grade 6-12.

My love of teaching stems from an inner drive to help others truly understand how things work and interact. Because students learn materials in a variety of different methods (visual, auditory, tactile, kinesthetic, and social), I strongly believe in the importance of hands-on learning in education. Through demonstrations, laboratory experiments, self-designed and cross curricular projects, the student is stimulated in an engaging environment which helps the student to more easily retain the material while developing his/her critical thinking skills.

I have traveled to over 63 countries, lived in eight countries, and learned to speak six languages. I enjoy hiking and running.