

ADRIANA OCHOA

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Summary

Highly-motivated employee with desire to take on new challenges. Strong work ethic, adaptability and exceptional interpersonal skills. Adept at working effectively unsupervised and quickly mastering new skills. Skilled in working under pressure and adapting to new situations and challenges to best enhance the project. Enthusiastic Teacher with 26 years of experience instructing students with wide range of learning abilities. Committed to creating motivational and collaborative learning environments that encourage social and emotional growth. Strategic in blending organizational skills thorough educational background. Works well with children, parents, colleagues and supervisors.

Skills

- Traditional Fine Art Skills
- Printmaking
- Photography
- Sewing
- Mosaic
- Shibori
- Fiber Art
- Studio Management
- Material Selection
- Art History
- Excellent Team Player
- Strong Time Management
- Art Conceptualization
- Public Speaking
- Group Instruction
- Curriculum Implementation
- Preschool, primary, secondary and adult experience
- Lesson Planning
- Fluent in Spanish
- Student Rapport
- Classroom Management
- Flexible and Adaptive
- Program Development
- Parent and Teacher Conferences
- Community Involvement
- Motivating Students

Experience

Small Business Entrepreneur Sep 2019 to Current
CreateWithAdriana — El Segundo, CA

- Offer a boutique service of creating customized artistic workshops and salons for children and adults for parties, corporate team building and just for fun.
- Have a thoughtfully curated ever evolving gift store with hand crafted items created by myself, along with outsourced unique items.
- Created original workshops in a variety of mediums including acrylic, and watercolor paints, pencils, charcoal, pastels, markers, sewing, shibori, mosaic, collage, fiber arts and decoupage.
- Developed and updated social media profile pages to market Create With Adriana.
- Analyzed industry trends to identify potential opportunities for growth.
- Identified and secured strategic partnerships with vendors and suppliers.
- Collaborated with clients to develop custom artwork that met their needs.
- Encouraged students to think outside the box while working on projects.
- Organized and coordinated hands-on artistic activities to encourage active participation, involvement and team work.
- Assisted customers in selecting products and services based on their individual needs.

Fine Arts Teacher Sep 2017 to Jun 2021
Arena High School — El Segundo, CA

- Taught groups of up to 20 students and provided individual support.
- Created lesson plans and activities to foster student creativity and knowledge of fine arts.

- Organized weekly critiques of student artwork to provide constructive criticism.
- Encouraged collaboration between peers through group projects that allowed for creative expression and problem solving skills development.
- Coordinated special projects like mural painting with community organizations.
- Maintained a safe learning environment by enforcing rules and regulations within the classroom setting.
- Instructed students in various mediums such as painting, drawing, and photography.
- Adapted teaching methods and instructional materials to meet students' varying needs and interests.

Volunteer Art Teacher

Sep 2016 to Jun 2018

Richmond Street Elementary School — El Segundo, CA

- Taught groups of 30 students, 6 classes a week.
- Implemented given lessons in a variety of mediums including tempera and watercolor paints, pencils, charcoal, pastels, and markers.
- Organized and participated in art exhibitions to showcase work.
- Organized activities and resources to promote student engagement in learning.
- Assessed student progress regularly through formal and informal assessments.
- Established expectations for student behavior while maintaining an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Teacher Assistant Preschool

Sep 2008 to Jun 2009

Third Street Music School Settlement — New York, NY

- Developed meaningful relationships with all students based on trust and respect.
- Collaborated with other staff members to ensure that all safety protocols were followed at all times.
- Read stories aloud to the children and discussed them afterwards to gauge understanding.
- Performed general housekeeping duties such as tidying up classrooms after activities or cleaning up spills from lunchtime.
- Encouraged cooperative play among students by providing positive reinforcement when needed.
- Observed each child to help improve social, mental and behavioral competencies.
- Organized play areas, toys, and learning materials to create a safe and stimulating environment.
- Supervised the children while they were engaged in various activities such as arts and crafts, story time, outdoor play.
- Observed each child's development throughout the school year and reported any issues or concerns to lead teacher or director.
- Worked closely with colleagues in order facilitate smooth transitions between activities throughout the day.

Fine Arts Teacher

Sep 1997 to Jun 2005

NYC Department of Education — Queens, NY

- Taught groups of up to 36 students, 5 classes a day and provided individual support.
- Created lesson plans and activities to foster student creativity and knowledge of fine arts.
- Began a hands on Black and White Photography program with darkroom work and SLR cameras.
- Coordinated special projects like mural painting public sculptures with community organizations.
- Attended conferences related to advances in teaching techniques within the field of fine arts.
- Maintained a safe learning environment by enforcing rules and regulations within the classroom setting.
- Instructed students in various mediums such as painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture and photography.
- Collaborated with other teachers to create an interdisciplinary approach to teaching

fine arts.

- Assessed student performance in fine arts classes, providing feedback and guidance.
- Lead professional development workshops for the district.
- Supervised after-school art club, theatrical set design and production.
- Assisted in creating and critiquing student art portfolios for college applications.

Education and Training

Bachelor of Arts, Fine Arts Photgraphy/Drawing

Jun 1994

Queens College of The City University of New York — Flushing, NY

Activities and Honors

- Gardening, cooking and love of antiques.
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Accomplishments

- Nominated to deliver commencement speech for the Senior class at W. C . Bryant High School 2003
- Selected to lead Staff Development Workshops for my district
- Teacher Recognition Award Arena High School 2018
- Volunteered in every school my children have attended, from preschool through grammar school.

Languages

Spanish:



Native/ Bilingual

References

References available upon request.