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Physical Education Instructor

Dedicated Physical Education Teacher focused on inspiring children to set & achieve high individual fitness goals and become excellent team players. Passion for building a strong community committed to growth and wellness.

Professional Experience

Physical Education Teacher (September 2014-June 2019)

British International School of New York, New York, NY

Recruited to teaching position based on reputation for teaching excellence at Waterside Swim & Health Club. Implement a standards-based Primary Years Physical Education Curriculum modeled on the British National Curriculum and International Baccalaureate PYP for children in Nursery through Year 2.

Teach swimming, personal fitness, and sport-specific skills, with a focus on safety and sportsmanship. Assess students through teacher-, self- and peer-assessment, provide feedback, and plan data-driven instruction and differentiate instruction to meet individual needs.

- Direct Swim Program for early & primary year students, focusing on developing comfort in the water, water safety, and swimming skills.
- Coached basketball team during 2016-2018 school years, building the skills, teamwork, and confidence needed to bring the team to the NYC Independent Schools Basketball Semi Finals.
- Maintain oversight of two after-school programs since 2014: Swim Club (ages 6-12) and Basketball Basics Club (ages 4-8).
- Collaborate with class teachers to align with grade-level instruction, expectations, units, and integrate literacy into PE.

Swimming Instructor & Aquatics Director (April 2011-March 2020)

Waterside Swim & Health Club, Waterside Plaza, New York, NY

Promoted to Aquatics Director after two years of instructing swimming lessons for British International School of New York (BIS-NY), BIS-NY Summer Camp, and United Nations International School (UNIS), as well as adults of all skill levels.

- Oversee 10 swim instructors and coordinate swim programs for ~100 students. Develop curriculum for group classes, as well as semi-private and private lessons; assess student progress and modify instruction accordingly.

Dance Coach (June 2012-2014)

Seven Hills Anatolian Folk Dance Group; Radyo Turkum; Turkish Consulate Private School, New York, NY

Provide weekly Turkish folk dance, culture, and music instruction for 50 children and 15 adults.

- Invited to perform and conduct workshops at seven international cultural festivals from 2006 - 2012, including the Nationwide Turkish Folk Dance Performance in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Youth Club President (January 2011- September 2014)
Turkish Cultural Association, Moonachie, New Jersey, USA

Organize activities, cultural, and educational programs for youth. Instruct Turkish folk dancing, culture and music.

Fitness Instructor & Swim Coach (2005-2010)
MGM City Club, Istanbul, Turkey; Cesme Mini Club for Kids, Izmir, Turkey

Conduct swim school for children and adults and develop curriculum. Conduct personal training and fitness instruction, focusing on diet and nutrition for optimal physical performance.

- Organized a Swim Gala at MGM City Club, showcasing the swim achievements of 88 students to an audience of 200.

Physical Education Teacher (2009)
Selcuk Anatolian High School, Istanbul, Turkey

Taught Physical Education and health classes for middle and high schools students. Conducted ongoing evaluation of student performance and progress and inspired students to set and reach data-driven goals. Coached school sports, including basketball and soccer.

Folk Dance Coach & Music Instructor (2006-2007)
Afyon Ataturk Elementary School, Afyon, Turkey; Nene Hatun Nursery School, Afyon, Turkey

Instructed children in Turkish folk dance groups. Led Turkish folk music, instrument and cultural classes. Arranged costumes and set design and organized folk dance performances.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education - Afyon Kocatepe University, Afyon, Turkey - 2009

Competitive Sports Experience

- Basketball: Coach & competitive basketball player (2000-present)
- Swimming: Coach & competitive swimmer (2004-present)
- Dance: Coach & competitive dancer (2004-2014)
- Soccer: Competitive soccer player (1998-2001)

Certificates & Trainings

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| • Red Cross Aquatics Director Certificate (Current) | • Turkish Underwater Sports Federation Bronze Lifeguard (2009) |
| • Red Cross WSI & CPR (Current) | • Two Stars Diver, Turkish Underwater Sports Federation (2008) |
| • IB Making the PYP Happen in the Early Years (2016) | • Turkish Badminton Federation. First Degree Badminton Coach (2007) |
| • Ministry of Education, Coach of Local Folk Dance (2009) | |
| • GSMG Department of Education First Degree Swimming Coach (2009) | |

Languages

Fluent in English. Native proficiency in Turkish.