**Kara MacPhee**

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**Education**

**Mount St. Vincent University- Bachelor of Education.** Halifax, NS 2012

Grad speaker, committee member, volunteer

**Nova Scotia Community College- Deaf Studies Certification.** Dartmouth, NS 2008

Proficient in American Sign Language. Founder and president of ASL club on campus

**Dalhousie University- Bachelor of Arts in History.** Halifax, NS 2006

Best Cultural document Award

**Katimavik- Canadian National Program.** Inkerman, NB; Black Diamond, AB; North Bay, ON 2001

Worked in elementary school, residence for seniors with disabilities, teen help centre

**Employment Record**

**Learning Disabilities Association of Nova Scotia LINKS Tutor** Halifax2012

* Taught phonics, phonological awareness, blending sounds, chucking words, syllable breakdowns and other strategies for improving reading and writing skills in group and one on one settings
* Built supportive relationships where students felt comfortable admitting their struggles and learning methods of enhancement

**Assistance Provider** Halifax, NS 2006-2010

* Provided one-on-one assistance for a man with Cerebral Palsy encouraged goal setting, pushed for self-advocacy
* Supported educational opportunities and use of American Sign Language

**Consular Associate for the Consulate of the Netherlands** Halifax, NS 2006-2007

* Renewed passports of Dutch citizens living in Canada and issued travel visas to foreigners, or visas to Canadians wishing to work in the Netherlands as sole operator
* Trained in Dutch Foreign Affairs and Travel Policies

**Baan Thai Waitress** Halifax, NS 2005-2010

* Learned Thai customs and parts of the language while serving Thai dishes, clearing tables and mixing drinks
* Handled cash, visa and debit interactions

**English Teacher** Pusan, South Korea 2003

* Created lessons plans and taught English to Koreans students ages 5-16
* Led classes with approximately 15 students per class and learned about the Korean educational system

**Bartender/ Waitress** Inuvik, NWT 2002

* Served northern inspired food, wine and beverages at fine dining restaurant. Completed nightly closes, cleanings, restocking, and visa/ cash handling
* Competently served northern Canada’s largest selection of scotch. Trained and used the Az-Bar to create cocktails and assist in measurement of alcohol

**Personal Accomplishments**

Earned Dean’s List Honour list standing through out Bachelor of Education degree

Recipient of the Credit Union’s 2011 Teacher’s Plus Award

**Community Volunteer Involvement**

Canadian Diabetes Association campaigning and raising funds May 2012

L’Arche community member supporting adults with intellectual disabilities 2010-2012

Abilities in Motion (AIM) exercise assistance for physically challenged individuals 2007-2011

Special Olympics volunteer at the provincial games held at St. Mary’s University 2008-2011

Big Brothers, Big Sisters In-School Mentor assisting at-risk youth 2006-2007

**Teaching Related Experiences**

**Summit on Gift Education and Talent Development**  2012

* Interacted with Joseph S. Renzulli and Sally M. Reis in workshops on building interest based school wide enrichment programs for gift learners and all students

**Project WET certificate** 2012

* Received training and resources to deliver powerful environmental lessons on the importance of water on the planet to a variety of ages and abilities.

**Practicum placement Grade Primary Oxford Elementary school in Halifax** 2012

* Developed multi-sensory, differentiated appealing lessons aimed at igniting wonder and interest in education
* Provided extra support to struggling students

**Literacy as Ways of Knowing Series at Mount St. Vincent University** 2011

* Collaborated in the planning and delivering of science literacy workshop for the promotion of active family learning for ages 4-9 years old
* Created and designed booklet for families aimed to explore science with our senses

**Practicum placement at the Discover Science Centre in Halifax** 2011

* Delivered curriculum based workshops for grades P-6 to a variety of school visitors
* Enhanced belief in the value of hand-on exploratory learning

**Practicum placement Grades 5, 6 Portland Elementary School in Dartmouth** 2011

* Gained knowledge on classroom management and assessment strategies while planning interactive outcome-based lessons

**Nova Scotia Geology Education Conference at Bedford Institute of Oceanography** 2011

* In field observations of changing landscapes by time, nature, and human intervention
* Testing the health of various rivers by looking pH level, salinity, oxygen and conductivity

**French Immersion program at Universitè St. Anne, Point-de-Eglise, Nova Scotia.** 2000

* Successfully completed 5 weeks of French immersion contributing significantly to my French speaking ability