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Pre-Philosophy of Teaching

I am currently working as a teacher's aide at Corrigan- Camden Elementary School. I have earned my Associate Degree from Angelina College. I am currently enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University. My educational goal is to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

Working with students has now made me aware of how important a quality education has become. I really enjoy working with students, but; working with kids has opened my eyes and heart to the challenges involved in a school, and as I meet more and more special needs students, I realize that Texas needs many certified teachers who can relate to these students. Teachers are an essential part of a student's education. In order for me to be an asset to these students, I must continue my education and further my knowledge.

My reason for being at Stephen F. Austin State University is to achieve my goals. I want to be an asset to the teaching field, to promote education, and as a teacher, to help pave the way for my daughters and students to become life long learners.

The purpose of education is to develop the knowledge and skill and character of students. The processes which students are encourage to develope at their potential. An education also helps young children explore and interpret the world in a way that makes sense to them. **Students should be able to demonstrate the ability to read with comprehension, analyze, and judge a wide range of material.** In addition they need to know understand the differences and similarities among cultures, history within the world.

All teachers should have certain qualities which are knowledge of content, empathy, flexibility, determination and humor. Every teacher should have knowledge of content. Teachers learn continually and remain current in their content of study. I believe every teacher should have empathy when working with students. Teachers need to be understanding and compassionate with students as well as parents. When in the teaching field you must always be flexible. Teachers must be able to move from one situation to another without too much hassle. But the one important quality that every teacher should have is humor.

The curriculum should provide a variety of methods for children to learn, such as hands on projects and discussions. But also a student's social skills and behavior impact how successfully they can participate in life. The teacher must realize that each child learns differently, and must present the material in a variety of ways in order for all students to learn.

I believe that teaching is a profession that requires great skill and patience. It also requires

being demanding, caring, patient but also passion. Teaching is a sense of responsibility and excitement.

As a professional I plan to teach effectively. A teacher must use professional tools in order to create lessons, activities that are meaningful to students. I want to provide a fun and exciting learning environment for all of my students.