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Educational Background

- AT Specialist Certificate, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA (2010)
- BS Computer Science and Mathematics, Whitworth College, Spokane, WA (1985)
- Continuing coursework in instructional technology and assistive technology (2008-present)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistive Technology Specialist, Special Education Technology Center, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA (2013 – Present)

- Collaborate with educators and parents on technology solutions for students
- Provide Webinars on software and apps, AT hardware and implementation
- Presenter at state, national and international conferences on a wide range of assistive technology topics
- Conduct phone, internet and in-person consults for OT's, SLP's and educational staff on appropriate assistive technology to increase functional performance and participation of students
- Provide technical assistance for a wide range of AT products
- Research, test and review new assistive technology products

Assistive Technology Specialist, Yakima School District, Yakima, WA (2011-2013)

- Collaborated with a team on assessments, recommendations, training and implementation of assistive technology district wide working with both staff and students.
- Developed procedure for student referral and assessment for assistive technology needs utilizing a team approach involving SLP's, OT's, psychologists, teachers and parents.
- Maintained and programmed assistive technology devices
- Presented staff and parent training on various AT topics Developed
- and maintained inventory of AT equipment and software.

Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, Yakima School District, Yakima, WA (2008 – 2011)

- Under the supervision of an SLP, worked to assist students with speech and language disorders.
- Worked as assistant to district's AAC/AT Specialist

Independent Computer Consultant, Almira, WA (1988-2000)

- Taught adult computer usage classes
- Worked for several companies and individuals as programmer, trainer and installer.
- Developed interactive training CD for Windows.
- Assisted individual clients/companies in purchasing equipment, installing and using new software and hardware, and troubleshooting computer problems.

Software Engineer, Itron, Inc, Spokane, WA (1985-1988)

- Designed and coded software for handheld data collection devices utilized by the meter reading industry.
- Maintenance Lead responsible for troubleshooting problems directly with clients around the country. Led a team
 of programmers to resolve problems in a timely and efficient manner.

References

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