

APRIL PATRICK

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SUMMARY

Currently teaching at Bellaire High School and Houston Community College, I have enjoyed thirteen fruitful years of public school teaching. A published poet, I was singled out by Houston Poetry Fest to read my poems aloud; and by the faculty of University of Houston-Clear Lake as Outstanding Masters Degree Student of 2005. Creative, focused, and cooperative, I thrive on working together for a common purpose, contributing to meaningful causes, and pushing an organization to greater heights.

EXPERIENCE

Houston Community College, Houston, Texas

2009--2011

English Adjunct Professor

- teach clear, effective, organized composition writing
- communicate with Department Chair, colleagues, and students regularly
- familiarize students with proper research techniques
- instruct students how to compose an excellent research paper
- extensively edit and critique students' writing, grade assignments, and provide adequate feedback to insure student success

Bellaire High School, Houston Independent School District, Bellaire, Texas

2009--2011

English teacher

- teach critical thinking, deeper reading comprehension and analysis of texts
- collaborate with colleagues to plan strategies to maximize student success
- prepare students for the state exams
- equip students with the writing and research skills needed to succeed in college and in the workplace

San Jacinto College, Houston, Texas

2008

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Pasadena Memorial High School, Pasadena I.S.D., Pasadena, Texas

2007--2009

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Queens Intermediate School, Pasadena I.S.D., Pasadena, Texas

2002-2007

Reading teacher

- taught critical thinking, deeper reading comprehension and analysis of texts
- taught students to write creative personal essays
- taught students to compose expository essays
- taught students ratiocination as a method of editing and revising their work
- prepared students for the state exams

La Porte I.S.D., La Porte, Texas

1997-1999

Substitute teacher

- performed three, long-term teaching assignments, teaching 9th grade, 3rd grade and 2nd grade for a semester each
- substitute-taught for teachers of almost every grade level and subject
- followed instructions left by the teachers
- maintained a structured, peaceful, productive classroom for the young learners

EDUCATION

Masters Degree, Literature and Creative Writing, 2005, University of Houston-Clear Lake, TX

Bachelors Degree, Literature and Creative Writing, 1996, Bennington College, Bennington, VT

CERTIFICATION

Teaching Certification,

Language Arts 8--12

2004, University of Houston-Clear Lake, TX

PUBLICATIONS

My original works of poetry have been published among such journals as *The Houston Poetry Fest*, *The Spiky Palm*, *Marrow*, and *Bayousphere*.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Common Ground (Teachers as Writers), August 2010, University of Houston Honors College, Houston, TX

TELPAS Training (How to Assess Writing Skills in English Language Learners), 2007-08, Pasadena I.S.D. Administration Building, Pasadena, TX

New Jersey Writing Institute, 2007, Deer Park I.S.D. Administration Building, Deer Park, TX
Model Schools Conference, 2006, Kissimmee, FL

AWARDS and HONORS

Outstanding Masters Student, 2005-2006, University of Houston-Clear Lake, TX.

The professors of the School of Human Sciences and Humanities singled me out for “Outstanding Academic and Leadership Accomplishments” in the Literature Masters Degree program.

Selected as a Juried Poet, Houston Poetry Fest, 2004, Houston, TX.

National Honor Society’s Outstanding American Teacher Award
for the “Exceptional Performance in the Motivation and Empowerment of Today’s Youth”
2005-2006, Pasadena, TX.

Sigma Tau Delta: International English Honor Society, 2003-2005,
University of Houston-Clear Lake, TX.