

# Rebecca Valdez

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## Education

The University of Texas at Austin May 2010  
Bachelor of Science in Applied Learning and Development

## Certification

Early Childhood to Sixth Grade Bilingual Generalist Certification June 2010

## Teaching Experience

Metz Elementary, Austin, Texas Spring 2010  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Apprentice Teacher

- Prepared daily lesson plans, activities, organized classroom and developed behavioral management plans
- Developed and taught thematic units to enhance student involvement and participation
- Monitored student progress using assessment sheets and graphs
- Participated in Parent Teacher Conferences
- Took part in professional development trainings throughout the semester
- Modified all lessons for English Learners at their own development stage

Colegio Americano De Torreon, Mexico Fall 2009  
Student Intern

- Assisted teacher with coordination of daily lesson plans and classroom activities (in Spanish)
- Designed and implemented lessons incorporating cooperative learning activities
- Constructed worksheets and activities for all lessons taught
- Provided a highly structured academic environment using a variety of behavioral management techniques
- Participated in monthly school program that links home and school as partners in overall student development

Anderson Elementary, Austin, Texas Spring 2009  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student Intern

- Assisted teacher with activities in and outside of the classroom
- Participated in team planning meetings and assisted in the presentation of lessons
- Worked with Voyager, Read Well, Click-N-Read and Compass reading programs
- Provided individualized assistance to students with special needs

Metz Elementary, Austin, Texas 9/2009 - 12/2009  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Tutor

- Mentored and tutored 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who require special assistance in order to pass reading TAKS
- Taught and reinforced TAKS strategies through reading passages

## Related Experience

Platt Family, Austin, Texas

5/2009 - 8/2009

Care Giver/Spanish Teacher

- Cared for two children three days a week while teaching them Spanish
- Assisted children with their summer school work
- Planned and oversaw summer activities including projects and play dates
- Provided mentoring support, positive reinforcement and daily encouragement to children

El Buen Samaritano Mission, Austin, Texas

1/2008 - 5/2008

Volunteer

- Planned activities for students ranging in age from 2-11 years old while parents were attending ESL classes
- Read books, taught short lessons, sang songs and taught basic words in both English and Spanish

St. Louis Catholic Church, Austin, Texas

9/2007 - 12/2007

Part-Time/Volunteer ESL Teacher

- Co-taught basic English skills to parents in small group setting
- Created lesson plans and activities to improve English speaking skills, reading proficiency and comprehension

## Additional Skills

Language: Fluent in speaking, writing and reading Spanish

Computer: Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, Adobe Acrobat, Illustrator, Flash, SeaMonkey and Dreamweaver

Proven communication, interpersonal and presentation skills

Works well independently and in team setting

Excellent time management and organizational skills

## Activities and Honors

Kappa Delta Phi Member (2007-2008)

Longhorn Scholarship Recipient (2007-2009)

Bilingual Education Student Organization (2007-2009)

ATPE Campus Organization Officer (2008)

ATPE Member (2007-2009)

Resident Assistant (2007)