

VANESSA JANZEN

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VISUAL ARTS TEACHER

LEADERSHIP ♦ DEDICATION ♦ COMPASSION ♦ EXCELLENCE

"I have witnessed Ms. Janzen's co-operate spirit, professional attitude and caring disposition. She is thoughtful and reflective and committed to continued development as an educator."

-Glen Sunderland, *Principle at Edgerton Public School*

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Education** – *University of Alberta* | Edmonton, AB 2013
- ♦ Major: Visual Art
 - ♦ Minor: CTS Design
 - ♦ Interim Professional Certificate (#294762R)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Specialization in Painting** – *University of Alberta* | Edmonton, AB 2011
- ♦ Other concentrations: Psychology and Art History
- Diploma in Christian Studies** – *Mount Carmel Bible School* | Edmonton, AB 2005

CERTIFICATES

- ♦ **OHS Standard First Aid, CPR-B and AED** – *St. John Ambulance* | Wainwright, AB 2014
- ♦ **Aboriginal Cultural Awareness** – *Bosco Homes* | Edmonton, AB 2013
- ♦ **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)** – *Bosco Homes* | Edmonton, AB 2013
- ♦ **Non-Abusive Crisis Intervention and Personal Safety** – *Bosco Homes* | Edmonton, AB 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- K&E High School Teacher** Feb 2015- Present
Nipisihkopahk Secondary School, Maskwacis, AB
- ♦ Teaches Math 10-4 and 20-4; 15 students in total
 - ♦ Teaches Science 20-4; 10 students in total
 - ♦ Teaches Modified English / Math; 8 students in total.
 - ♦ Assessing student progress through the use of programs, such as Mathletics and STAR reader.
 - ♦ Maintains a classroom website for all courses, so students can access material easily at school and home.
- High School Art and Drama Teacher** Oct 2014- Jan 2015
Nipisihkopahk Secondary School, Maskwacis, AB
- ♦ Taught Grade 8, 9, 10 and 12 students Art and Drama; 80 students in total
 - ♦ Built strong relationships with students and staff quickly
 - ♦ Utilized classroom management skills to diffuse challenging situations and deal with off-task behaviour; successful at keeping the class calm

“Vanessa created a friendly, relaxed atmosphere in the classroom where students were encouraged using a balanced mix of professionalism and personalism very well.”

-Allan Milne, *Art Teacher at Bev Facey Community High*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

High School Teacher

Feb 2014– June 2014

Edgerton Public School, Edgerton, AB

- ◆ Taught Grade 10 and 11 students Art 10 and Art 20 class sketching, observational skills, depth cues and perspective, painting skills, figure drawing, graphic design, and color theory; 15 students in total
- ◆ Taught Grade 11 students CALM career development, financial management, personal wellbeing and health; 10 students in total
- ◆ Communicated with parents; discussed students’ progress in learning and behaviour
- ◆ Utilized exceptional classroom management skills to diffuse challenging situations and deal with negative behavioural issues; successful in facilitating a student-directed classroom
- ◆ Acted as the School Health Liaison and assessed the health of the school community for the BTPS Division

Substitute Teacher

Sept 2013 – Jan 2014

Nipisihkopahk Secondary School, Maskwacis, AB

- ◆ Taught Grade 9, 10 and 12 students Core, CTS and Option classes; 250 students in total
- ◆ Guided students in Behavior and Special Needs classes; 12 students in total
- ◆ Set realistic goals with students to complete assignments within the allotted time set by their instructor
- ◆ Built strong relationships with students and staff quickly

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Food Service Worker

Jan 2006 – Jan 2013

Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, AB

- ◆ Built strong relationships and maintained positive moral with staff in the workplace
- ◆ Organize and clean workspace to serve food products to customers efficiently and safely
- ◆ Communicate effectively and professionally to resolve customer and staff concerns
- ◆ Manage opening and closing routines and handle cash, credit and debit transactions

COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Elementary Visual Art Instructor | *ArtStart (EAC Program)*

2011 & 2014

- ◆ Engaged disadvantaged youth with various art projects in an after-school program

Family Programs Crew Member for *The Works* | *Art and Design Festival*

2011 & 2013

- ◆ Opening up the public to a relaxing atmosphere created exciting art projects

Artistic Mentor at *Nina Haggerty* | *Centre for the Arts*

2011 – 2012

- ◆ Proposed new art projects for mentally challenged adults

Camp Counselor and Cook at various *Summer Bible Camps in Alberta*

2002 - 2010

- ◆ Engaged with campers in various programs and events during their stay