





MELODY LEWIS

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science
Special Education
University of New Mexico
2001 - 2005
Albuquerque, NM
Minor: Psychology

SKILLS

Collaboration
Patience
Creative Problem Solving
Lesson Planning
Educational Assessment
Inquiry-based Teaching
Methods

CERTIFICATIONS

New Mexico Special
Education Teaching License
EDAG Certified - UNM
Educational Specialist -
UNM

WORK EXPERIENCE

Middle School Special Education Teacher

Destinations Career Academy of New Mexico

2013 - current / Santa Fe, NM

- Developed individualized lesson plans for 35 students, accommodating 11 types of learning disabilities
- Hosted afterschool book club primarily for students with dyslexia, **improving reading confidence and comprehension by 22%**
- Collaborated with parents and fellow teachers to determine areas for improvement, improving annual finals performance by 22%
- Developed fully customized lesson plans across 5 major subject areas, including science, mathematics, and English

Special Education Teacher

Turquoise Trail Charter School

2007 - 2013 / Santa Fe, NM

- Taught 8 special education students using inquiry-based teaching methods, **increasing material comprehension by 46%**
- Met with parents one-on-one to learn student interests and adjust teaching plans, improving test performance by 38%
- Maintained up-to-date knowledge on modern teaching strategies and 12 common disabilities
- Attended 175+ hours of additional training
- Provided personalized feedback on test grades, improving statewide exam scores by 9% in math and 11% in English

Special Educational Assistant

The Academy for Technology and the Classics

2005 - 2007 / Santa Fe, NM

- Observed main instructor and received 1:1 mentorship in teaching styles and creative approaches to reaching every child
- Graded 75% of all student assignments, providing helpful and encouraging feedback for students
- Collaborated with parents and admin staff to design performance improvement plans, improving average quiz scores by 31%
- Awarded Teacher of the Year in 2007 for improving standardized test scores by 21%