

JOHANNA BENITEZ

INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALIST



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Highly skilled and motivated instructional specialist with 15 years' experience in education.
- In depth knowledge of standards, adult learning principles, data analysis.
- Strong understanding of current trends in evidence-based instructional practices.
- Cultivates and maintains strong, positive, collaborative relationships with all stakeholders.
- Applies practices that foster an inclusive and collaborative culture.
- Public, private, international, and non-profit experience.

SKILLS

- Relationship Building
- Presentation and Communication
- Instructional Best Practices
- Data Analysis
- Bilingual- Spanish

EXPERIENCE

Instructional Coach, Broward County Public Schools

2017-Present

- Develops and implements best practices to increase and build capacity utilizing foundational principles of equity.
- Designs training solutions including needs based professional development.
- Collaborates with school administrators in developing action plans based on data analysis.
- Establishes authentic coach/teacher partnerships aligned to curriculum and standards.
- Conducts classroom observations catered to support optimal teaching and learning environments.
- Evaluates data to strengthen curriculum and assessments and to monitor the effectiveness of professional learning.
- Advises administration on the allocation and use of instructional resources.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

Alvernia University,
Reading, PA

Master of Science, Multidisciplinary Studies

State University of New York at Buffalo State,
Buffalo, NY

Professional Developer, Children's Literacy Initiative

2016-2017

- Identified and applied foundational principles of adult learning theory to build capacity in evidence-based instructional practices.
- Led the implementation of balanced literacy with authentic, culturally relevant literature- based reading and writing opportunities.
- Facilitated content focused coaching cycles.
- Assessed relevant data to address specific goals.
- Interpreted data to identify trends and develop strategies for targeted instruction.
- Facilitated professional learning and development.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Literacy Trainer

Tri-Association of American Schools,
American School Foundation Monterrey,
Monterrey, Mexico

Three-year program specializing in instructional literacy coaching.

Instructional Coach Credentialing Program

Department of Coaching and Induction,
Broward County Public Schools
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Two-year program focused on supporting staff and school leaders.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Culturally Responsive Teaching

Adult Learning Principles

Building the Reading Brain

Facilitating Professional Learning Communities

Microsoft Academy

Certified trainer for TRIBES Learning Communities

Team Leader/Content Coordinator, The Columbus School

2008-2016

- Served as a curriculum leader by assisting in the development of curriculum and grade level goals, led PLCs.
 - Planned and facilitated workshops and professional learning.
 - Coordinated data to ensure data driven instruction.
 - Designed scope and sequences, unit plans, assessments, and rubrics correlated to standards.
 - Developed yearlong pacing in all content areas.
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Elementary Teacher, Broward County Public Schools

2007-2008

- Implemented instructional programs and strategies in core content areas tailored to at-risk students.
 - Utilized data driven instruction to highly impact student success.
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English Language Learner Instructional Support, Conestoga Valley School District

2005-2007

- Provided direct support in core content areas with diverse populations.
 - Served as liaison between school and families.
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CERTIFICATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Professional Educator's Certificate, State Florida Department of Education

2007-Present

- Elementary Education K-6
 - Reading K-12
 - English for Speakers of Other Languages K-12
 - Exceptional Student Education K-12
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TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- Office 365: Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, OneDrive, OneNote
 - Learning Management Systems Canvas and Schoology
 - Various online data management and learning platforms.
 - Videoconferencing: Microsoft Teams and Zoom
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