

**Brandi Bolyard**

# Objective

Gain full time employment at the college or university level teaching (and/or directing) English as a second/foreign language

\*Also considering adding a licensure to my MATESL so that I will be certified to teach K-12; I lack only 2 classes

# Relevant Experience

## TESL/TEFL Instructor March 2013- Present

ELS Language Center of Johnson City (East Tennessee State University)

I began working as a part-time substitute while I was still teaching at Carson-Newman University and was subsequently invited to work full time. I have enjoyed familiarizing myself with a new group of students (Saudi) and expanding my teaching horizon, focusing much more on explicit instruction of grammar, reading and writing skills for adult students than I have in the past.

## TESL/TEFL Adjunct Professor August 2011-May 2013

English Language Institute of Carson-Newman University’s Global Studies Department

I was invited to interview for this position because of my experience in South Korea. Through my position here, I have gained experience instructing Korean, Chinese, Taiwanese and Japanese students in the subjects of listening and speaking, focusing on the first language influences on pronunciation and comprehension (grammar, vocabulary, idioms, pronunciation, metaphors, reductions, intonation, etc).

## ESL Teacher at English Immersion School (PreK-12) August 2009-August 2010

Jungchul Language School Junior, Dangsan Campus (Seoul, South Korea)

During my one-year contract overseas, I gained experience instructing PreK-12 students in phonics, reading, literature, math, vocabulary, art, P.E., and science. I additionally became more intimately familiar with the structure of the Korean language and culture itself, therefore becoming more able to quickly pinpoint first language interferences of second language learning.

## Various Tutoring August 2002-Present

Since high school I have gained hundreds of hours of one-on-one tutoring experience with both young and adult students from China, South Korea, and Saudi Arabia.

# Education

## MA in TESL at Carson-Newman University January 2011-May 2013

* GPA of 3.917 on a 4.0 scale
* Member of TNTESOL and SETESOL

## BA in Cross-cultural Sociology at Carson-Newman College August 2005-May 2009

* GPA of 3.62 on a 4.0 scale; consistent on the Dean’s List each semester
* Scholarship member of the Forensics Speech and Debate team
* Sociology Honor Society Alpha Kappa, Carson-Newman Chapter

# Skills and Other Qualifications

* General computer/technology skills: Microsoft Office suite, Promethean Board, Excel, Blackboard, etc
* Conversationally fluent in Castilian Spanish
* Low beginner studying Korean (reading/writing/listening/speaking)

# References

* Jane Busdeker is the director of the English Language Institute (ELI) under the Global Education Department at Carson-Newman. She invited me to interview upon referral for my (current) teaching position. I was originally charged with instructing Level 1 Speaking and Listening but have since taken on an additional class and now teach both L1 and L3.
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