

# Chelsea E. Abbott

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## **CERTIFICATION**

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Michigan Elementary Provisional Teaching Certificate, K-5

- Endorsement: Language Arts
- Endorsement: Teaching English as a Second Language

Illinois Initial Elementary Certificate (Type 03)

- Endorsement: Language Arts
- Endorsement: English as a Second Language

American Red Cross: Infant, Pediatric, and Adult First Aid, Lifeguarding, CPR, AED Certification, Zumba Instructor Certification

## **EDUCATION**

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**Michigan State University, Chicago IL**

**Fall 2017 - Current**

- Full time Graduate Level courses in Literacy Instruction and Education

**Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI**

**May 2016**

- Bachelor of Arts in Elementary education with an endorsement in Language Arts and Teaching English as a Second Language
- Study Abroad, Sydney Australia

**NCAA, Big Ten, Division 1 Athlete | East Lansing, MI**

**Aug 2012- May 2016**

Michigan State University Varsity Swim Team

- Balanced academic and athletic responsibilities for four consecutive years while maintaining NCAA Scholar Athlete Status.
- Mentored, motivated, and mediated a diverse multinational group of teammates through personal and team-related conflicts.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Sayre Language Academy | Chicago, IL**

**Sept. 2018 – Current**

Second Grade - Elementary School Teacher- English as a Second Language Classroom

- Created a second grade curriculum in all four core subjects, that aided instruction and led students toward success.
- Generated and applied specific plans for student math growth, resulting in an 95% increase in students meeting second grade benchmark in overall mathematics score.
- Developed and taught lesson plans based on Lucy Caulkin's Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop.
- Collaborated daily with second grade parents using Class DOJO in order to improve student learning habits and social behaviors. Created Parent-Teacher-Student behavior incentives resulting in positive behavioral growth within classroom team.
- Supplemented lessons with a variety of technologies including IXL, Raz Kids, and Moby max software in order to increase engagement, comprehension and independence.
- Assessed students, recorded data, developed and led MTSS interventions in order to help student's meet grade level benchmarks.

**Orville T. Bright Elementary School| Chicago, IL**

**Sept. 2017 - June 2018**

First Grade - Elementary School Teacher

- Created a first grade curriculum following the Chicago Public Schools Network 13 scope and sequence, in all four core subjects, that aided instruction and led students toward success.
- Crafted and applied individual student literacy growth plans for each of the 30 students, resulting in 100% MCLASS TRC growth from beginning of the year to middle of the year testing, with 65% of the class surpassing their end of year TRC goal by the middle of the year checkpoint.
- Generated and applied specific plans for student math growth, resulting in an 80% increase in students meeting first grade benchmark in overall mathematics score.
- Created differentiated activities, a one-on-one intervention schedule, and guided reading procedures for seven leveled groups of students resulting in a 100% growth on Nonsense Words Read and Phoneme Fluency within the DIBELS monitoring system from beginning to middle of the year.
- Enriched lessons with a variety of technologies including Stride Academy software and Star fall software in order to increase engagement, comprehension and independence.
- Developed and implemented individual education plans with the Diverse Learner team for students in the classroom requiring IEPs and 504 plans.

**John. A. Walsh Elementary School| Chicago, IL**

**Sept. 2016 - June 2017**

First and Second Grade, Bilingual - Elementary School Student Teacher

- Created and implemented classroom incentive plans involving whole class accountability, group recognition, and individual behavior plans resulting in an attendance change from 75% in September to 98.9% in January and a 22% increase in homework completion.
- Designed and maintained a first grade sight word learning system that utilized daily interventions and progress monitored student's growth weekly resulting in a 92% content mastery rate (January) from a 26% content mastery rate (September).
- Conducted progress monitoring of student success using self-created sight word and math fluency monitoring systems on a weekly basis, working with grade level team to plan each progress monitoring technique, resulting in a 100% increase in class reading levels and overall math score from middle of year testing and end of the year testing.
- Adapted lesson plans for students in the classroom with varying English language ability including modifying assessments and using cooperative grouping to encourage peer learning and assistance.

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## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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### **Camp Kesem | Muskegon, MI**

**Fall 2015- Current**

Camp Counselor, Camp Advisor

- Student-ran, national non-profit organization serving over 5,000 children through and beyond their parent's cancer by collecting donations and raising funds to give these children a free week of Summer Camp
- Coordinated activities and supervised more than 120 at a traditional overnight camp at three different camp sites.
- Managed a group of 50 counselors, fostered a team atmosphere with a growth mindset during this weeklong camp experience.
- Collaborated with a team of 40 other counselors to implement safe and exciting individual and group activities during a weeklong summer camp.

### **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee | East Lansing, MI**

**Fall 2013- Spring 2016**

Team Representative

- One of two elected representatives of the Women's Swim team on the Advisory Committee
- Promoted communication between the athletic departments administration and student-athletes
- Participated in outreach activities promoting community and service within the athletic department

### **Whitney Young High School | Chicago, IL**

**Fall 2016 - Spring 2019**

Assistant Swim Coach

- Responsible for planning practices and coaching the Freshmen-Sophomore section of the high school swim team.
- Assisted in running full team practices incorporating test sets, endurance workouts, dry land exercises, and VO2Max practices in order to help athletes reach full potential.
- IHSA Sectionals Chicago Champions 2017, CPS City Conference Champions 2018

### **Saddle and Cycle Country Club | Chicago, IL**

**Summer 2018-Current**

Head Swim Coach, Assistant Aquatics Facilities Manager

- Expected to uphold safe and comfortable conditions at the 4 lane, 25-meter aquatic facility.
- Maintained and efficiently utilized members time while teaching swim lessons, as well as ensuring a safe environment for everyone.
- Coordinated and managed effective team age groups along with teaching numerous private lessons each day.
- Ensured member comfort while maintaining a clean and safe facility.

### **White Eagle Golf Club | Naperville, IL**

**Summer 2017-Fall 2018**

Head Swim Coach, Head Aquatics Facilities Manager

- Expected to uphold safe and comfortable conditions at the 8 lane, 25-meter aquatic facility.
- Managed a staff of 20 lifeguards, ensured the comfort and happiness of over 450 club members.
- Encouraged participation from all of the 130 swimmers, managed seven swim meets including two sets of final championships.
- Coordinated and managed six effective team age groups ranging from pre-team to 15-18-year-old swimmers along with teaching numerous private lessons each day.
- Created and implemented a swim clinics system that focused on one stroke or technique per 4-day clinic in order to strengthen, tweak and perfect swimmer's stroke practice resulting in a 99% time drop with participating athletes.

### **Bloomfield Hills Swim and Tennis | Bloomfield Hills, MI**

**Summer 2016**

Head Swim Coach

- Worked with numerous special needs athletes and athletes with disabilities, creating a safe and positive environment for these athletes to grow as swimmers and teammates.
- Encouraged personal growth through positive reinforcements and detailed instruction with team members aged 4-18.
- Managed a Pre-team of thirty 3-6-year-old swimmers who were accompanied by one coach per every 5 swimmers in the pool and taught breath control, beginning stroke technique and competitive skills

### **Lifeguard, Michigan State University | East Lansing, MI**

**Summer 2013- Spring 2016**

- Managed a safe environment while guarding lives in an indoor and outdoor aquatic setting
- Used appropriate time management to balance course load, athletic responsibilities and part time occupation.

## AWARDS AND LEADERSHIP

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- College of Education Deans List | 2014-2016
- B1G Ten Conference Distinguished Scholar | 2014-2016
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Award Winner | 2014
- Lorimer Education Scholarship Award Winner | 2015-2016
- Beckman Education Scholarship Award Winner | 2016
- NCAA B1G Ten Athletic Scholarship Award Winner | 2012-2017
- Student Athlete High Academic Honors | 2014-2016
- Auto- Owners Insurance Champion in the Classroom Award | 2016

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### **James Jensen- Coworker**

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### **Suzy Alamo- Student Parent**

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Bright Elementary School

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