

# Aileen Matias-Castro

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## SYNOPSIS

- ◆ Strong interpersonal relationship skills in dealing with stakeholders
- ◆ Strong interdisciplinary instructional design skills
- ◆ Strong communication and organizational skills
- ◆ Fluent in Spanish



## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### MANAGEMENT / SUPERVISION IN EDUCATION

Framework for rigorous curriculum includes experience in the following areas:

**Cooperating Teacher**

**Coach for New Teachers**

**Homebound Instructor**

**Community Outreach**

**Engagement Coordinator**

**Interpreter**

**Experience with IEPs**

**Experience with ELL Students**

**Brain-Based Learning**

**Thematic Units**

**Creating Hands-On Exhibits**

**Universal Design for Learning**

**International Club Adviser**

**Curriculum Mapping**

**I&RS Committee Member**

- ◆ Trained to evaluate and synthesize data to create authentic student-centered learning
- ◆ Able to integrate real-world experience into the classroom, while aligning to pedagogical practices
- ◆ Tailor STEAM instruction to promote investigatory learning on global themes and perspectives
- ◆ Lead Teacher, presenter and mentor for New Teacher's Academy
- ◆ Organize county and school-wide events that promote community network and collaboration
- ◆ Experience in rigorous curriculum and instructional design

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE IN OPERATIONS DIVISION

- ◆ Trained in Crisis Intervention, Juvenile Delinquency, and Case Management
- ◆ Provide risk assessment and process statistical analysis for Crime Investigation Unit
- ◆ Facilitated in-home education for children at risk of out-of-home placement
- ◆ Collect, record and determine appropriate recommendation for legal State records
- ◆ Coordinated Mock Trials, and county-wide outreach projects for public school districts in Essex County



## ACHIEVEMENTS

### RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ NJ STEM Innovation Fellow: One of thirty teachers selected to implement research-based practices
- ◆ 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2021 Philadelphia Zoo's UNLESS Conservation Project Winner
- ◆ NJCU's SURI, Scientific Undergraduate Research Institute, Outstanding Award 2017
- ◆ Classroom Close-Up, Outstanding Lesson Exhibition in Fossil Park, 2016
- ◆ Recipient of ANJEE—Alliance New Jersey for Environmental Education Scholarship



## CAREER HISTORY

- ◆ **Glassboro School District**, First and Third Grade Teacher; Specialist—World Cultures ....2013-Present
- ◆ **D.U.E. Season Charter School**, Fifth Grade Teacher.....2010-2013
- ◆ **JCCCS-Jersey City Community Charter School**, Fifth Grade and Third Grade Teacher.....2008-2010
- ◆ **University Heights Charter School**, Second Grade Teacher.....2007-2008
- ◆ **Superior Court of New Jersey—Essex Vicinage**, Operations Division.....2005-2007
- ◆ **Family Preservation Services**, In-Home Crisis Interventionist .....2004-2005
- ◆ **Township of Irvington**, Police Officer Recruit.....2002-2003
- ◆ **Women Rising**, Family Court Liaison.....2001-2002



## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- ◆ **New Jersey City University**
  - Doctorate in Educational Technology, Anticipated Graduation May 2022
  - Supervisor Certification, May 2018
  - Master's Degree in Educational Technology, May 2017
  - Alternate Route, K-6 Certification Endorsement
- ◆ **Saint Peter's University**
  - Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice, May 2002
  - Certificate in Intercultural Relations



## PROFESSIONAL FACILITATOR & AFFILIATIONS

- ◆ Project Based Learning Success (Presentation to Quzhou China Delegation at NJCU Campus)
- ◆ Making Space for Makerspace to Heighten Student Engagement (Selected as Presenter at PADLA)
- ◆ Community to Classroom Connections (Virtual Presentation for PADLA)
- ◆ Ways to Integrate Movement in the Classroom (Presenter for New Teacher Academy Workshop)
- ◆ Teacher Advisory Committee Member: Center of Aquatic Sciences and Adventure Aquarium
- ◆ PowerSave Schools Coordinator for Bullock School, in affiliation with Alliance to Save Energy
- ◆ Classroom to Courtroom Facilitator, Partnership with Superior Court—Gloucester County
- ◆ Annual Presenter for Saint Vincent Academy, College Preparatory School

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