**Summary**

Enthusiastic and dedicated Biology Teacher Licensure candidate from Governors State University, passionate about fostering scientific curiosity and critical thinking in secondary students. Possesses a strong foundation in biological concepts and pedagogical best practices, with practical experience in classroom management and curriculum development. Seeking an entry-level Biology teaching position in a secondary school environment to inspire the next generation of scientists.

**Education**

Governors State University, University Park, IL

**Bachelor of Science in Biology with Teacher Licensure**, May 2025

**Relevant Coursework:** General Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Organic Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Ecology, Genetics, Cell Biology, Comparative Anatomy, Foundations of Education, Educational Psychology, Teaching Secondary School Science, Survey of Students with Exceptionalities

**Teaching Experience**

**Student Teacher** – Biology & General Science Prairie Ridge High School, Crystal Lake, IL January 2025 – May 2025

* Designed and delivered engaging lessons for 9th and 10th-grade Biology and General Science classes, adhering to Illinois Learning Standards.
* Implemented differentiated instruction strategies to meet the diverse learning needs of 30+ students per class.
* Managed classroom behavior effectively, fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment.
* Developed and administered formative and summative assessments to monitor student progress and adjust instruction.
* Collaborated with cooperating teachers to review lesson plans and student performance.

**Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience** – Lincoln-Way Central High School, New Lenox, IL September 2023 – December 2024

* Completed 100+ hours observing and assisting certified Biology teachers in various classroom settings.
* Facilitated small group activities and provided one-on-one student support.
* Graded assignments, prepared laboratory materials, and assisted with classroom organization.
* Gained exposure to diverse classroom management techniques and instructional strategies.

**Skills**

* **Teaching & Pedagogy:** Lesson Planning, Differentiated Instruction, Classroom Management, Assessment Design, Inquiry-Based Learning, Lab Instruction, Curriculum Development
* **Subject Matter Expertise:** General Biology, Cell Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Zoology, Botany, Microbiology, Chemistry, Physics
* **Technology:** Smart Boards, Google Classroom, Microsoft Office Suite, LabQuest Vernier Sensors
* **Professional:** Communication, Collaboration, Adaptability, Problem-Solving, Patience, Empathy

**Student Leadership & Volunteer Experience**

**President –** GSU Future Educators of America September 2023 – Present

* Led monthly meetings, fostering professional development and networking opportunities for aspiring educators.
* Organized workshops on resume writing, interview skills, and edTPA preparation.
* Coordinated community outreach events, including science tutoring for local middle school students.

**Science Club Volunteer** – Governors State University January 2023 – May 2023

* Assisted faculty with hands-on science demonstrations for visiting K-8 students.
* Guided students through experiments and explained scientific concepts in an accessible manner.

**Certifications & Endorsements**

* Illinois Initial Secondary License: Science (Biology Designation) – Expected May 2025
* edTPA Passed – March 2025
* Illinois and U.S. Constitution Examinations – Completed November 2024