

Daniel Martinez

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Summary of Qualifications

- Knowledgeable in career planning, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS).
- I have more than 5 years of experience helping students transition from academic to vocational goals with a Master's Degree in Education.
- I am able to provide instructional training in English and Spanish in one on one and small group situations (in person and virtually).
- I am a proficient user of computer programs such as Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point) and job search portals (LinkedIn, Indeed, Work In Texas).
- I am confident when communicating with small and large groups, I have experience presenting at job fairs, webinars, and training sessions.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Masters of Education in Special Education

May 2020

The University of Texas at Brownsville
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (B.S.I.S.) Special & General Education: Early Childhood (EC) – 6th Grade & 6th – 12th Grade

December 2014

CERTIFICATIONS

- Core Competency - RespectAbility's Disability Inclusion & Advocacy Certification
- State of Texas Teacher Educator Certification
 - Generalist (EC-6th)
 - Special Education (EC-12th)
 - Principal (EC-12th)

WORK EXPERIENCE

National Federation of the Blind of Texas
Alvin, TX

Contracting as Mentor and Language Interpreter

January 7, 2022

- € Gained proficiency in case note writing, and maintaining timely notes for our case management responsibilities.
- € Review code of conduct, focusing on the well-being of youth in the program.
- € Helped develop content for monthly newsletters, with resources and information to our case load.
- € Interpreting sessions content for English and Spanish speakers (simultaneous interpreting).

RespectAbility

Remote

Civic Engagement & Workforce Coalition Development Apprentice September 2021 - Present

- € Organized coalitions of stakeholders to improve disability employment.
- € Developed database of workforce boards.
- € Developed job seeking strategies focusing on resume writing, job hunting, and career readiness.
- € Gained proficiency in job search portals (LinkedIn, Indeed, Work in Texas)

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- € Learned how to finance non-profit projects and gained experience in business writing

**Mentoring Engaging and Teaching All Students (METAS INT LLC)
International, MX & USA**

Educator & Mentor

April 2018 - Present

- € Provided career guidance to individuals seeking employment and individuals seeking career retention strategies (one on one and career panels)
- € Provides guidance to individuals with disabilities to explain programs they are enrolled in and resources that are available.
- € Participates in seminars to engage people with disabilities to raise their expectations of their abilities and career possibilities.
- € Coordinates programs to provide rehabilitation training to people with disabilities to gain independence and set a foundation for job readiness.
- € Participates with educational institutions to promote student transitions towards their vocational goals.

St. Lucia Eyesessible Services

Rio Grande Valley, Texas

Instructor

October 2020 – May 2021

- € Held career exploration meetings with high school students, planning career pathways.
- € Completed evaluations to identify needs and provided individualized service plans regarding vocational rehabilitation matters.
- € Organized and provided training regarding independent living skills to develop self-sufficiency.
- € Provided in-service webinars and disability awareness courses.

Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning

Statewide, Texas

Seasonal Coordinator-Instructor

June 2012 - Present

- € Facilitates activities related to Braille literacy, teaching vital independent living skills, giving students opportunities to learn from mentors.

San Benito Consolidated Independent School District

San Benito, Texas

Instructor - Independent Contractor

April 2015 - December 2015

- Planned, prepared and evaluated students with disabilities in use of adaptive technology.
- Provided instructional support for students in academic subject areas and provided instruction in expanded core curriculum such as daily living skills and community-based instruction.
- Completed detailed reports on services provided and conducted home visitations to follow up on services.

Blind Children's Vocational Discovery and Development Program

Harlingen, Texas

Case Management Position for Students with Disabilities

July 2015 - February 2020

- Serving students in pre-vocational stages.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Board Advisor, National Disability Mentoring Coalition

2020 - Present

APH, Career Connect Advisor

2020 - Present

News Line Ambassador in the Rio Grande Valley Region

2018 - Present

First Vice President, Texas Association of Blind Students

2011 - 2020

RECOGNITION

Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame

2019

Recognized for successfully mentoring proteges with disabilities in the nonprofit sector working with METAS Int. LLC's mentoring programs and the National Federation of the Blind's Changing Attitudes Regarding Employment, Education and Rehabilitation (CAREER) program