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John Bresler

Age: 25

Nationality: South African

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts

Objective

I wish to build on my current teaching experience in an ESL teaching position with an organization that requires a hard-working, highly motivated young individual who shows independent initiative and works well with others. Teaching in a new environment with different people will provide me with a challenge and improve my ability as a teacher. I would be most effective in an energetic and passionate environment. In my experience, being able to constantly learn and adapt is vital in teaching English second language, and a new teaching environment will provide me with the opportunity to do so.

Education

1997-2001	<i>Glenwood Boys High School</i> Durban South Africa
2003-2007	<i>Rhodes University</i> Grahamstown South Africa

Bachelor of Arts degree obtained from *Rhodes University*

Achievements

- School prefect
- Boarding establishment prefect
- First team school rugby
- Passed senior certificate with exemption
- Bachelor of Arts in History and Classical Civilizations studies from *Rhodes University*
- First team *Rhodes* rugby for four years
- Leadership positions on the sports field, including captaining the *Rhodes* first team rugby on several occasions

Work Experience

ESL teacher 2007-2008
Stephen English Kindergarten Shenzhen (China)
Sunny Palms Kindergarten

- I have finished my 1st year of teaching English second language (ESL). Working consistently at 2 different kindergartens for over a year, I taught over 200 children a day from ages 3-7. In my free time and on weekends I taught children up to age 11. I have also taught adults conversational English in a one-one environment. During the time I was there I learnt basic Mandarin.

Office Assistant 2005-2007 (Part time work)
Good Kid New Media *Umhlanga Rocks South Africa*

- During my holidays I temped at Goodkid Newmedia in Umhlanga. As an office assistant and driver, my tasks would include data input and liaising with clients everyday.

Receptionist/Security July 2002-January 2003
Sabrewatch Security *England and Northern Ireland*

- Working in reception areas as a security guard in the United Kingdom I was often in the position of lead guard, and as such was responsible for the security of major corporate buildings in and around London while dealing with very important businessmen, visitors and celebrities.

Skills

- I have a flair for languages. I am fluent in English and Afrikaans, and have learnt basic Mandarin during my time in Shenzhen. A course at Rhodes has also ensured I have a very strong grasp of the English language. I have very strong people skills. I am a responsible, hard working, and friendly individual who is deadline oriented, with good organizational skills.
- My arts degree and particularly my History major have equipped me with research and report writing skills. I am proficient in both computer aided research and more conventional forms of research.
- My work experience outside of University life has ensured that I am a good communicator with others.

References

Glenwood Boys High School: 1 Nicholson Rd, Durban 4001. Tel: 031 255 2410

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Rhodes University: Private bag x 1033, Grahamstown 6140. Tel: 046 603 8276

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