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Objective

Having finished University I wish to explore the world whilst also pursuing a career. By teaching English in another country I can manage both of these goals simultaneously. Whilst living in the UK I have accumulated many Korean friends, a background in Korean martial arts, and a basic understanding of the Korean language, culture and history. These reasons are the fuel that has inspired me to move to South Korea and I believe it would be my best option for teaching English. With this I can begin my career into the Education sector while meeting new challenges head on.

Education

2009 | BA History and Politics, Northumbria University

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2004 | St Cuthbert's High School

- A – ICT
- B – Craft Design and Technology
- B – English Language
- B – English Literature
- C – Mathematics
- C – History
- C – French
- CC – Science, double award
- C – Religious Studies

Experience

2008 – Present | Duk Moo Academy | Newcastle Upon Tyne Technical Director

As the director for Duk Moo Academy in Newcastle I have great responsibilities looking after all the clubs based in Newcastle, whilst keeping in touch with the rest of the academy throughout the country and across the world. The responsibilities include representing the clubs for the whole city, entailing tasks such as meeting the club captains, instructors and dealing with the hosts of our training facilities which include Newcastle and Northumbria Universities. This position requires a great deal of organizational and communicative abilities, making sure the clubs are organized and are communicating through the set hierarchy. I have also been entrusted with the financial sector for the academy based in Newcastle; this means I have to create budgets that decide where large sums of money go, and what kind of benefits we must expect. Every year I must deal with thousands of pounds coming in and out of the academy in Newcastle, and how best we can spend this on increasing membership, equipment and creating new clubs.

2004 – Present | Korea Hapkido Federation | Martial Arts Instructor for Northumbria University

As well as leading Hapkido for Newcastle I also teach Hapkido to a variety of people based at

Northumbria University. Here, I am responsible for the club's students; their welfare and training as well as increasing membership; these responsibilities all force me to work to strict deadlines due to upcoming gradings, championships and other events. Every class I must meet with the public, representing the martial art as a professional and disciplined business. Outside of the Northumbria University club I have trained many other martial artists from other disciplines and from all over the world, recently being sponsored to travel to France and Greece to hold demonstrations, seminars and training camps.

2004 – 2008 | Duk Moo Academy Hapkido | Author for Martial Arts Events

I wrote numerous martial arts articles that were published in national martial arts magazines and online such as '*Korean Martial Arts & Taekwondo Magazine*', '*Martial Arts Illustrated*' and '*Combat Magazine*'. These greatly facilitated my writing and advertising skills whilst also providing me a good reputation amongst the martial arts community in the UK.

2008 (Summer) | Northumbria University | Coach

In 2008 I had great success in expanding the Hapkido club, even organizing a European Championship on behalf of the Korea Hapkido Federation. As such, I was hired by the University to teach martial arts, self-defense and fitness across the north of England for the summer. I began teaching at schools to children aged between 8-18. Although I had taught children in the past, I had never held a "children's only" class before, and I was forced to quickly adapt my teaching methods to accommodate their shorter attention spans and the need for safety. The University were very happy with my progress in the schools and at the end of the summer, they hired me again to teach prisoners on a cultural restoration program held at the University. Due to my hard work and dedication in this year my efforts led me on to being promoted to the Director of Newcastle for the whole Academy.

2006 – 2009 | Duk Moo Academy Hapkido | Webmaster and Forum Manager

I created our academy's online website, maintaining and updating it for three years before I was asked to pass this responsibility on due to promotion. I later made the international forum where our members from across the world meet up and talk, which I still maintain to this date.

Skills and Professional Organizations

- First Aid
- Basic Korean Language and Literacy
- Duk Moo Hapkido UK – Senior Adviser and Black Belt Technical Committee
- Korea Hapkido Federation – Instructor
- Northumbria University Liberal Democrat Society – Former President

Interests and Activities

I have many Korean friends, and a great love for all aspects of Korean culture: their language, food, history, martial arts, but what I love most of all is its kind, compassionate people. I started training in Korean Martial Arts (Hapkido) 6 years ago, and since then I have become strongly influenced by Korean culture. Due to my devotion to this martial art and my Korean friends, I had the great pleasure and honor of recently participating in the largest martial arts demonstration in the world, in which over 20,000 people attended. Although this love for Korea drives me to travel there, I also wish to pursue a career into Education, teaching English as a profession. My other interests include classical music and learning the piano in my spare time. I am also a fan of history and enjoying reading up on many subjects in history, selecting my dissertation in medieval history.