SAMPLE PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR CDIP APPLICATION

This is an example of a personal statement submitted for a student applying for a CDIP job shadow in an elementary school. It succinctly communicates the student’s interest in the position by briefly discussing both her academic and experiential preparation. It demonstrates that the student has carefully read the employer’s description of what to expect during the job shadow. In addition, the student lets the employer know how the job shadow will benefit the student’s career development education.

My abroad experience in Argentina was what sparked my interest in education and education policy in the U.S. and on the international level. I am particularly interested in education reform and the role students and educators play in influencing education policy on the state and national level. I have had a variety of experiences working with children through babysitting, church groups, and volunteering at two after-school programs at Bates. After working with small-scale tutoring programs I am interested in having the opportunity to shadow a teacher and understand the classroom from an educator’s perspective. Andover Public Schools was of particular interest to me because of the utilization of the inclusion model in classrooms, which was also employed when I was a student in the Massachusetts public schools. It would be a great experience to understand the theory behind this method of teaching and to understand it from the view of the teachers. This internship would offer me a unique opportunity to view the differences in teaching methods among public schools as well as see how the public schools are working to accommodate each student’s needs.