



# ELBÉ STEENKAMP

## ABOUT ME

A passionate and dedicated educator with over seven years of experience in early childhood and primary education. Skilled in creating inclusive, engaging, and developmentally appropriate learning environments that foster growth and curiosity in children.

Proficient in individualized lesson planning, classroom management, and fostering strong relationships with students, parents, and colleagues. Experienced in working with neurodivergent children and providing additional educational support to meet unique learning needs.

## SKILLS

Empathy	<div><div></div></div>
Creativity	<div><div></div></div>
Adaptability	<div><div></div></div>
Problem-Solving	<div><div></div></div>
Resilience	<div><div></div></div>
Patience	<div><div></div></div>

## LANGUAGE

- English
- Afrikaans

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## EXPERIENCE

### Preschool Educator

2018 - 2024 *Current*

Kleine Bende Private Preschool

- Classroom Management: Successfully manage a class of children aged 18 months to 3 years, creating a structured yet flexible learning environment that meets the developmental needs of young children.
- Lesson Planning: Develop and implement age-appropriate lesson plans focused on sensory, motor, emotional, cognitive, and language development.
- Childcare Duties: Handle day-to-day caregiving responsibilities, including diaper changing, meal preparation, and maintaining hygiene standards.
- Parent Communication: Prepare detailed progress reports and maintain open communication with parents about their child's development and needs.
- Fundraising & Events: Organize and lead fundraising activities, school concerts, and class events to enhance school programs.

### Additional Educational Sessions

2021 - 2024

Neurodivergent Support

- Additional classes in the afternoon, two times a week for an hour
- Provided tailored support for an autistic child, preparing personalized lesson materials and assisting with homework and extracurricular activities such as poem recitation for eisteddfods.

### Additional Educational Sessions

Neurodivergent Support

2024

- Delivered one-on-one educational sessions for a six-year-old child with Down syndrome, focusing on homework assistance, motor skills, and language development.

# PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Proficient in creating and implementing age-appropriate curricula.
- Skilled in individualized education plans and intervention strategies.
- Adept at conducting detailed assessments and generating progress reports.
- Strong ability to manage diverse classroom settings and promote inclusivity.

# SOFT SKILLS

- Exceptional patience and adaptability.
- Effective communication and collaboration with students, parents, and colleagues.
- Strong organizational and multitasking abilities.
- Empathetic and nurturing approach to child development.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Word, basic Excel, and other administrative tools.
- Familiar with educational technology, including coding and robotics for early education.

## Preschool Educator

2017 - 2018

Hantam Primary School

- Teaching Support: Assisted with teaching Grade R, Grade 1, and Grade 2, supporting teachers in lesson preparation, classroom activities, and student assessments.
- Independent Teaching: Conducted lessons for Grade 2 students under the guidance of a mentor and independently handled classes when required.
- Interventions: Designed and implemented intervention strategies for students requiring additional academic support, improving their performance and confidence.
- Extracurricular Activities: Played an active role in organizing and supervising sports events, school concerts, and other extracurricular activities.
- Higher Grade Support: Collaborated with teachers in grades 4-7 to provide additional learning support and mentorship to students.

## Daycare Assistant

2015 - 2016

Daycare Assistant

- Supported the care and education of young children, ensuring their safety, comfort, and engagement throughout the day.
- Assisted with daily routines, including structured play, mealtimes, and nap schedules.

## Sunday School Teacher

2014 - 2015

NG Church

- Taught a Grade 3 Sunday school class, developing faith-based lesson plans and leading engaging activities to enhance children's spiritual and moral education.

## Educational Support Services

- 2021- 2024 : Designed and delivered individualized learning plans for an autistic child, focusing on homework assistance, creative learning strategies, and confidence-building activities.
- 2024: Provided structured learning sessions for a child with Down syndrome, utilizing sensory and cognitive development techniques to enhance their learning experience.

# COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

## 2024

- Terrible Two's Course
- Sensory and Motor Development in the Young Child
- Perceptual Development and Skills in the Young Child
- The Neurodivergent Preschooler
- Emotional Intelligence in the Young Child
- Lesson Planning and Assessment According to ELDAs Requirements
- Cognitive and Language Development in the Young Child
- Introduction to Play Therapy for Teachers
- TEFL Certification: 120 Hours

# HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Exploring innovative teaching methods and technologies.
- Creative arts and crafts to support child development.
- Volunteering at community and faith-based events.

## 2023

- Robotics and Coding
- Toddlers Who Bit

## 2020

- The Power of Play (Birth to Grade 3)

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# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Successfully managed fundraising events, generating significant support for school activities.
- Designed and implemented intervention strategies that improved student performance.
- Received commendations from parents for maintaining open communication and fostering positive learning environments.

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# REFERENCES

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