Curriculum Vitae

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About myself:

My name is Ray Kenny, and I am a 3nd year student studying Children’s studies, international development, and sociology and political studies at University of Galway. I am extremely passionate about working in the field of education and I know I can be an excellent addition to your team because I am a hardworking, capable, quick learning and pleasant person to work with. I am particularly enthusiastic about applying for this role as I know how valuable the experience of teaching English would be for my career in education and the journey of being a teacher that I have already taken steps forward to achieve.

Qualifications:

First Aid courses

Tusla Children First Certificate

QQI level 5 certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign language.

Leaving Certificate 2021:

English H1, Maths O1, Biology, H3, History H4, Irish H4, Art H3, French H5

Work experience:

January 2025- ongoing. Currently undergoing University work placement with SEK Atlántico in Pontevedra, Spain. 2 bilingual International private schools. I am a English language assistant responsible for supporting students in English language lessons and language acquisition. Responsibilities include instructing students, organising educational procedures, planning coursework, creating materials for class and giving 1 on 1 English language exposure to the students.

October- December 2024. Volunteered in the early learning and development centre in Northern Arizona University during my time studying early years and special education there. In this role I was responsible for implementing support for the students’ academic progress. The early learning and development centre is a pre-school organisation that specialised in providing high level advanced learning opportunities for children between the ages of 2 and 5. The team underwent academic units of 3 months long specialising in a particular topic of inquiry and my role in this was to increase student engagement and teach them social skills.

February-April 2024. University of Galway Youth Academy programme. Currently working as a classroom assistant in a programme teaching primary school children about artificial intelligence. Responsible for helping to support the lecturer of the course in general classroom management, helping the children to learn and understand the content of the programme, setting up the classroom at the start of the day, signing in and out the children, liaising with parents, dealing with any complications or problems that may arise and helping to ensure the kids have a happy, engaging and educational time.

January 2023- December 2024. In Lillyput afterschool based in Knocknacarra Educate Together, working as an afterschool/childcare assistant. Primarily look after children from the ages four to twelve although spend more time is spent with the children aged four to eight. The most important tasks are to help the kids with their homework, supervise them at all times and make sure they are happy, safe and that they can enjoy an enjoyable and productive day at their afterschool. Other tasks include supervising the children during their dinner time and when they are playing outside. Often organise and run fun activities to keep the children occupied and to promote their development. Have learned and continue to gain more knowledge throughout the whole experience in Lillyput afterschool and have become much more able to understand and work with children of all ages from this job.

March 2023 – November 2023. Friendly Fellows kids club which is based in the Connacht hotel. Was part of a well run team of childcare professionals who were responsible for providing a great service of child minding for the guests in the hotel. Gained an exceptional amount of valuable experience in this role and developed my ability to look after children. Roles included organising the signing in and out process for the children, having a strong level of communication with both parents and the management to facilitate a high level of trust for taking care of the kids, organising fun and engaging activities and games all throughout the day and generally ensuring the children under our care were well looked after, safe and happy.

March 2019. Transition year work experience in Woodlands National School in Letterkenny, Donegal as a classroom assistant. Much was learned in this role such as proper etiquette in communicating with teachers, parents and students, proper management of the classroom in the teachers absence, how to help out with any problems that a teacher or childcare worker may face in a classroom and how to deal with kids in a helpful and patient manner. This was one of the first times working in the field of education and childcare and the experience was extremely informative and I believe I was a very useful and pleasant addition to the classroom environment I was in.

Further work experience and jobs I have done in the past are not particularly relevant for this role but mostly consisted of customer service.

Final note:

 I would love an opportunity to be a useful member of your team and I think I could make a fantastic addition to this role. I am in year 4 out of 5 in my degree in children’s studies and sociological and political studies. My course relates heavily to teaching and education. Through learning many aspects of education from this course and my extensive work experiences I have developed and clarified my own pedagogical style which I implement in my work at SEK Atlántico . I have practical and academic experience in teaching, a personal disposition well oriented towards teaching and a naturally pleasant but hard-working nature. Furthermore I would be an excellent help with English teaching as I achieved the highest grade in the Irish baccalaureate exams for English. Through my own experiences of writing and also learning multiple other languages I am very familiar with the learning process and I have an excellent grasp on the English language. Lastly, I have a Teaching English as a foreign language qualification which has given tons of relevant knowledge, experience on how to create lesson plans and implement the many important facets of teaching English as a foreign language.

Please consider me for this role as and would love to have the opportunity to prove myself to be great for this job

Ray Kenny