



# Samantha (Sam) Keenan

Bachelor of Science:  
Elementary Education

Butler University, Indianapolis, IN  
GPA 3.78/4.00

Anticipated Graduation May 2020  
Major: Elementary Education (K-6)  
Minor: Diverse Learners

## LICENSURE

Indiana Elementary Generalist K-6  
(Anticipated May of 2020)

Mild Intervention  
(Anticipated May of 2020)

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## PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Every student is capable of accomplishing great things, especially when provided a strong support system. I sincerely believe that a teacher is an essential component of a student's support system. In addition, a student's success can be assisted with using growth mindset and having a teacher that promotes asset based thinking language inside and outside the classroom. A teacher's job is to help a student find their dreams and open the doors to make the students' dreams come true.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### STUDENT TEACHING- EMOTIONAL DISABILITY (ED) K-3 HAZEL DELL ELEMENTARY

*Noblesville, IN*

*January 2020 - May 2020*

*Erin Macklin (erin\_macklin@nobl.k12.in.us)*

- Full-time for 16 weeks
- Assisted in writing FBAs, BIPs, and IEPs
- Attended monthly special education meetings with resource teachers, behavior specialists, and the Director of Special Education Services
- Implemented BIPs and IEPs
- Engaged with students in a 1:1 or 1:2 teacher-student ratio in math and reading due to small class size
- Analyzed data of students' daily behaviors and wrote narratives to send home to parents

### STUDENT TEACHING- 2ND GRADE MOHAWK TRAILS ELEMENTARY

*Carmel, IN*

*August 2019 - December 2019*

*Rebecca Schwartz (rschwartz@ccs.k12.in.us)*

- Full-time for 16 weeks
- Practiced Conscious Discipline
- Used social media to connect with other teachers and collaborate with lesson plan ideas
- Collaborated weekly with second grade team and Response to Intervention staff
- Attended monthly Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports meetings

### PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE- KINDERGARTEN BUTLER LAB SCHOOL (IPS 55)

*Indianapolis, IN*

*February 2019 - May 2019*

- Taught small group and whole group reading lessons
- Worked closely with a focal student on reading and math skills
- Recorded and analyzed running records and math fluency tests

### PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE- THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

*Indianapolis, IN*

*September 2018 - December 2018*

- Worked one-on-one with a third grade math student on strategic thinking and problem solving
- Led small group reading lessons for fourth graders to their build reading skills
- Wrote lesson plans in edTPA format

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## INVOLVEMENT

### Club Curling

- Safety Officer (Fall 2018 - Spring 2020)
  - Trained to provide first aid to injured team members and handle possible altercations between team members

### Butler University Hillel

- Secretary (Fall 2016 - Fall 2017)
  - Wrote weekly newsletter and took notes during all meetings
- Vice President of Educational Programming (Spring 2018 - Spring 2019)
  - Created a 10 week program about Jewish people in the arts with guest speakers from around Indianapolis
  - Facilitated discussions between fellow Butler University students and guest speakers

## ADVANCED SKILLS

- CPR, AED, and First Aid Certified
- Trained in concussion protocol
- Suicide Prevention Trained
- Registered Behavior Technician
- Experience with "Handwriting Without Tears" Curriculum
- Provided and examined math fact fluency tests
- Trained by the state of Indiana on the IEP website



## WORK EXPERIENCE

### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER (JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES)

*Parents Night Out Staff Member, August 2019 - Present*

- Provided childcare for families with a neurodiverse child
- Assisted 10-20 children under the age of 13 in differentiated activities like yoga and art

### JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER INDIANAPOLIS

*YoPHI Teen Board Resource Staff, September 2019 - Present*

- Assisted high school students in fundraising and reading grants
- Helped students write a mission statement based on their core values
- Assisted in leading a weekend trip to Chicago

### ACCESS BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

*Behavior Therapist, May 2018 - August 2019*

- Worked one-on-one with a client with autism on behavioral, social, and academic skills
- Led small group activities and lessons to prepare clients for school
- Acquired qualitative and quantitative data to assist in making changes to behavior management plans and daily programming
- Communicated with parents everyday about client's progress and struggles

### THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS

*Intern at Starpoint Summer Camp, May 2017 - August 2017*

- Created themed lesson plans and materials based on exhibits in the museum
- Worked cooperatively with museum staff to establish a unique learning and camp environment for students between the ages of 10-12

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

### CO-PUBLISHED A READER'S GUIDE FOR *THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE*

*Fall 2018*

- Collaborated with 2 Butler students and a professor
- Created activities and guiding questions to facilitate student learning

### PRESENTED AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS

*Fall 2018*

- Researched Barnum Brown and created a presentation to give to students while they visited The Children's Museum
- Utilized a hands-on activity to engage students in the lesson

### RECIPIENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FROM ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

*Spring 2019*

- Selected to receive a scholarship from this honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding

**"Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped my dreams come true." – Ruth Bader Ginsburg**