

JTUSHE Exhibits

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Hello, my name is Lorie Stealey and I have dreamed of being a first-grade teacher since I was six years old. I have been slowly working toward that goal, and I am currently registered for my final classes to graduate with my AAOT. However, it appears that is as far as my educational journey will be able to go. I already know I am a gifted teacher as I have taught at a private school (which didn't require a degree) and received numerous accolades.

Unfortunately, in 2009, I became permanently disabled. While my health has now stabilized enough for me to attend class part-time, it is impossible for me to make a full-time commitment. I have shifted my career goal from being back in the classroom to tutoring or some other flexible, part-time pseudo-teaching position, but I can't figure out how to do that if I can't finish my bachelor's degree. I have contacted numerous in-state and out-of-state universities, but I haven't located a single program which is willing to accommodate my disability requirement of part-time enrollment throughout the entire process (including student teaching).

Thank you,
Lorie Stealey
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Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living, the other helps you make a life. -E. Roosevelt.