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OBJECTIVE

To teach Horticulture at the Secondary Education Level

QUALIFICATIONS

My previous job experience includes Soil Conservationist for the USDA, Florist, Live Nursery Specialist, and Produce Department Manager

EDUCATION

May 1995 **Bachelor of Science, Horticulture/Landscape Design**
Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas

May 1997 **Master of Science, Agriculture**
Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas

Fort Worth Technical Institute
600 hours Business Computer Applications

CERTIFICATIONS

Scholarship for International Study of Nafta Trade Agreement
Scholarship for International Study of International Agronomic Development

EXPERIENCE

01/2009-05/2009

Full Time Student Teacher, Secondary
Crowley High School, Crowley, Texas
Planned, taught and evaluated lessons in multi-cultural classroom

09/2006-05/2008

**Soil Conservationist, USDA Department of Agriculture
Natural Resource Conservation Service**

Responsibilities:

- Meeting with the landowner and advising them on: crop production, natural resources, terracing, range seeding, weed and crop production, brush management, prescribed grazing, fencing, pond design and construction, recommendations for nutrient management plans, water pipeline designs, irrigation systems, and water storage facilities. Soil testing, ecological site evaluations, forage inventories, controlled burning and brush transacts. Lecture to local high school students about water conservation and help judge high school soils contest

05/2004/-08-2006

**Live Nursery Specialist, Home Depot Home
Improvement
Granbury, Texas**

Responsibilities

- Department Manager responsible for inventory, hiring and employee training, ordering and stocking all ad merchandise. Operated the cash register and forklift
- Hold monthly meetings for the Fort Worth Woman's Garden Club and Woman's Jaycees. I taught all outside training seminars to the Boys and Girl Scouts .I was the departmental buyer for fencing, pots, soils, fertilizer, seasonal items and all live nursery products.

05/2000-09/2000

**Live Nursery Specialist, Lowes Home Improvement
Granbury, Texas**

Responsibilities

- Department manager for the outside lawn and garden live nursery products. Hired and trained the garden employees
- Designed the garden center display layout and planned for all displays of ad products, operated the cash register, forklift, computers. Planned and conducted sales and meetings. Departmental buyer for all products stocked in the outside garden center. Planned and conducted all Lowe's Selected Gardeners Club Meetings. Planned and held all the

Saturday "How To Clinics". Designed the outside aquaculture displays with fish and plants. Assisted all vendors with detailed sales planning to increase store sales for the spring and summer events.

11/1988-2/1996

**Produce/Floral Department Manager, HEB Grocery Company
Cleburne, Texas**

Responsibilities

- Produce and Floral Department manager
- Responsible for ordering and inventory control of both departments, stocking.
- Trained employees ordered and stocked product, floral designer assisting customers with special occasion arrangements Weddings, funerals, and corsages. Custom arrangements. Worked directly assisting the corporate buyers

Small Business Owner

- Owned and operated a retail business for 12 years
- Responsible for small business loans, books, and inventory control. Operated a profitable business and was involved in the community as a business owner. Member of the Better Business Bureau

Small Business Owner

- Owned and operated furniture upholstery and refinishing store for 5 years
- Managed 2 full time employees. Bookkeeper, managed loans and work load

ACTIVITIES / HONORS

Tarleton State University Distinguished Student
Tarleton State Horticulture Club
Granbury Jaycees
Granbury Newcomers Club
HEB Scholarship Award
Spirit of HEB Award
HEB Employee of the Month Award
HEB Customers Champion Award

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