

# Kathleen Cruz

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Please see my e-portfolio with expanded details and examples of my work:

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## Summary / Highlights

I have just graduated the Bachelor of Education program at TRU. I successfully completed my certification practicum at Arthur Hatton Elementary school, teaching a grade 1/2 class.

- 25 years *experience* as Sunday School teacher, ages 3 to 12 years old
- Specialized training working with individuals with special needs
- Experienced in counselling: Field of addictions, suicide prevention, & sexual assault
- I was one of this year's cohort *leaders*, running from September 2017 to April 2018.
- I speak *fluent Spanish*
- I also worked as a work study employee/ student of TRU, with the ECE, (early childhood education) program. September of 2017 to April 2018.

Nominated for the Grunert Scholarship of Excellence (based on GPA) and recipient of the Kathryn McNaughton Scholarship. On the Dean's List.

## Education

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| 2016-2018 | Bachelor Education from TRU. I have completed 4 practicums: 2 at Arthur Hatton Elementary, grades 1-2, Summit Elementary School, grade 3 & David Thompson Elementary School, grade 4  |
| 2013      | Open Learning courses in Math, Geography, & History, from TRU, Thompson Rivers University.  |
| 2004-2005 | Continuing Education courses in Psychology & Social Work, from the University of Manitoba.  |
| 1994-1998 | Bachelor of Arts Degree, major in Psychology & a minor in English from the University College of the Cariboo (now TRU, Thompson Rivers University). I have more than 5 upper level English courses, so I am qualified to teach High School. |

## Work & Volunteer Experience

- 2017-2018 Work study employee/ student of TRU with the ECE, Early Childhood Education Department
- 2016-2018 Practicums & volunteered in various Elementary schools, Arthur Hatton – running Spanish Club, Dufferin Elementary: as a science fair judge, & participated in the choreography of original Aboriginal 'Dance Play' with my class and Roxanne Letterlough,
- 1992-2018 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Sunday School teacher to children of various ages (18 months-12 years old). Currently my class consists of 8/9 year-olds (10 students)
- 2016-2017 Volunteered at Parkcrest Elementary school helping various teachers and grade levels K & Grades 4/5
- 2001-2008 KSCL, Kamloops Society for Community Living, worked as a residential coordinator for individuals (youth & adults) with developmental delays, such as: Autism, Severe Epilepsy, Downs Syndrome, coordinating their daily activities.
- 2001-2007 The Phoenix Centre, (a medical drug and alcohol detox center), worked as a detox worker. Duties included: teaching educational group sessions, AA & NA educational groups, obtaining a brief medical & psychiatric history upon intake of clients, on-going assessments, & documentation. (Adults & some youth).
- 1999-2001 Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre, served on the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), supporting victims during the collection of forensic evidence (rape kits), manned the crisis lines (including suicide prevention), worked as a one-to-one counsellor of victims of sexual assault.
- 1998-1999 Canadian Mental Health Association, worked with individuals with chronic & persistent mental illness. Taught daily living skills.

## Interests / Strengths

- I speak fluent Spanish. I love to travel with my family. Different cultures fascinate me; I have been to over a dozen different countries. Global education is an area I'd love to explore further.
- I have a talent for building rapport with *difficult* people. I am that team member that acts as the *glue* to make the team cohesive.
- I enjoy being active and participating in outdoor activities, such as skiing, biking, hiking, and camping. I enjoy weight lifting at the local YMCA several times a week. I am eager to coach sports teams.
- I can play some guitar & percussion. I love to cook.

## References

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