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**Dara Ryan**

**EDUCATION** 2006 – 2007

 College of Commerce, Cork.

 **Certificate in Counselling:** Distinction

2002 - 2006

 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

 **BSc Honours Genetics Degree**

Final Result: **2H2**

 1996 - 2002

 Ashton Comprehensive School, Cork

 **Leaving Certificate:** 475 points

**EMPLOYMENT September 2002 – present**

 St. Brendan’s National School, The Glen, Cork.

 Gaelscoil an Athar Tadhg O Murchu, Douglas, Cork.

 **Substitute Primary School Teacher**

* + - * Taught various classes from junior infants up to sixth class.
			* Employed different teaching methods to suit the various age groups.
			* Taught a diverse range of subjects including Maths, Irish, English,

 Geography, History, Art and Science.

* + - * Engaged students in extra-curricular activities such as Dance, Music, Drama & French.

**April 2009 – April 2010**

Randstad Community Care, 19-23 Prospect street, Box Hill, 3182, Australia.

**Disability Support Worker**

* + - * Worked in a wide range of facilities for people with various disabilities.
			* Provided personal care and in-home support to residential clients.
			* Provided various therapies and courses to clients at day-centres.
			* Worked on a full-time basis in a residential unit for adults with Aquired Brain Injuries.
			* Actively supported clients in accessing the community.

**May 2008 – July 2008**

Just Better Care–Premier Home & Nursing Agency, 35 Doody Street, Alexandria 2015

**Disability Support Worker**

* Provided personal care to quadraplegic residents.
* Independently provided overnight care and monitoring to residents.
* Provided domestic assistance and administered medication to residents.
* Provided personal care and domestic assistance to elderly in their own homes.

**March 2007 – Aug 2007**

Enable Ireland, Ballintemple, Cork.

**Family Support Worker**

* Provided in-home support to children at the pre-school level aged 3-4 and their families.
* Escorted individual children to various therapies.
* Assisted individual children with their learning activities under parental guidance.
* Assisted individual children with various therapies under parental guidance including physical therapy and speech and language therapy programs,

**Feb 2007 – Aug 2007**

Enable Ireland, Ballintemple, Cork.

**Research Assistant**

* Underwent a 6 month project to investigate “the current provision of education for young children with physical disabilities in South West Ireland.”
* Designed appropriate questionnaires to investigate this topic.
* Used various tools to analyse the resulting data including Excel and SPSS software.
* Presented a literature review and the results of this topic in a concise paper awaiting publication with the National Disability Authority and a relevant journal.

**Sep 2006 – Sep 2007**

 School of the Divine Child, Ballintemple, Cork.

 **Special Needs Assistant**

* Worked in a classroom with children with physical and multiple disabilities.
* Assisted individual children with their learning activities and physical therapy.
* Escorted individual children to various therapy sessions.
* Assisted individual children aged 8 – 20 years in the swimming pool.
* Accompanied children on out-of-school tours.
* Assisted in dressing and undressing children for hydrotherapy sessions and swimming.
* Researched various projects for the teaching staff to be used alongside the curriculum.
* Designed the sets and props for various plays and performances.

**September 2000 – June 2001**

 St. Lukes Home for the Elderly, Mahon, Cork.

 **Voluntary care-worker**

* Engaged elderly residents in various activities.
* Worked with patients with dementia under nurse’s supervision.

**Skills Computing:** Competent user of Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher, SPSS and the scientific package Rasmol, the Internet and email. Fast and efficient at typing.

 **Language:** Received an A2 in Leaving Cert French. Moderate level of Irish.

 **Interpersonal:** Strong team-working and interpersonal skills.

**Research:** Proficient in understanding and assessing complex data, analysing problems and formulating solutions. Developed ability to produce reports and presentations to a professional standard.

**Driving**: Have a Full Irish Driving Licence since May 2006

**Interests and Music:** Piano Grade 5 and Violin Grade 3. Attended the Cork School of Music for 10 **Achievements** years, studying theory and violin, and was a member of the orchestra.

 **Scuba Diving**: Have become qualified as a PADI advanced diver.

**Charity:** Founded the Self Help for Africa society in U.C.C and was auditor of this society in 2005. Travelled to Kenya with this organisation and visited many different schemes.

**Travelling:** Have travelled extensively through Europe, Asia, India, Africa, South America independently and in large groups and lived and worked in Australia for 2 years.

**Exercise:** Member of the Mardyke Arena, UCC 2002 - 2006. Member of Blackrock tennis club 2000 – 2002. Member of Gym and various Exercise programs.

**Hobbies**: Swimming, arts and crafts, hiking, walking, reading, yoga, music and cooking.

**Voluntary**: I worked at a summer camp for children with physical and multiple disabilities in the summer of 2007 and engaged them in many different activities including art therapy, sports, swimming, music and accompanied them on various trips.

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