

Teaching Statement - Verena Silva

As I enter the real world of teaching, I am very excited to reach my goals, put my new knowledge and skills to use, expand on what I already know, and even put my knowledge of technology to use in today's world.

As a future teacher, my goal is to help students with exceptionalities reach their full potential. I will focus on the whole student and what they can do rather than what they can't. Focusing on the whole student will allow me to fully support them and help them reach their full potential. After teaching in a special education classroom, I would like to be a special education director of a district. Considering the education and experience needed for this, this is a long-term goal of mine.

One of the most important things I have learned in my classes is how important communication is. Communication includes partnering with paraeducators, administration, fellow teachers, and parents and students. Finding the best way to communicate with those around you helps ensure your students are getting the best education you can provide them. I learned about several different communication platforms for teacher to parent communication and ways to partner with others effectively. I will take these skills into student teaching. In case of online learning, I will need to be even more efficient with communication and will bring these learned strategies with me, as well as my knowledge of technology itself.

The times of COVID have brought me the amazing opportunity of being able to tutor a third-grade student from my community. I will take my experience from working with him as well as all I've learned in my classes with me into student teaching and grow much more while I am there. I will start working on my goals the minute I step foot in the classroom and work to help all the students I possibly can.