

Ms. Jessica Merrikin

Located in Secwépemc'ulucw, the traditional, unceded land of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc. (Kamloops, BC.)

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Highlights of Qualifications

- Over 10 years of experience as an Outdoor Educator of students across all grades.
- Experienced in universal design and differentiated implementation of lessons and assessment techniques alike.
- Understanding of how to support diverse populations of youth with varying social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs in dynamic environments.
- Passionate about empowerment, advocacy and educational equity for people with diverse abilities.
- Trained and active artist of various mediums with enthusiasm for curricular arts integration.
- Volunteer experience as a coach of a grade 6/7 co-ed basketball team.
- Committed to continuous, critical reflection and actionable allyship of marginalized populations, including a personal responsibility to respond to TRC 94 calls to action.

Relevant Training, Certifications and Development.

Certificate/ Training	School/Company	Date
Supporting Positive Behavior in Sport training.	Canadian Autism Network	Oct 15, 2022
CCRRPD Certification: Truth and Reconciliation; how to talk to children.	Kevin Lamoureux	Mar 15, 2022
Bridging the Gaps; proactive strategies for challenging behaviors training.	Katie Bigsby	Nov 2021
Aboriginal DANCEPL3Y training	Roxane Letterlough	Sept 2021
Class 4 Drivers License	B.C. Licensing	2019
Advanced Wilderness First Responder 90 hours	Slipstream	2020-2023

Recent, Relevant Professional Experience.

Position, Company, Location, Responsibilities.	Date
Leader. SD 73 After School Sports and Art Initiative (ASSAI). Kamloops, BC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan and facilitate programming for students grades 3-7 which is inclusive, safe, inspiring and educational.	Sept 2021 - April 2023
Fish Culturist. Tenderfoot Creek Hatchery, Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Squamish, BC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conservation and enhancement of salmon stock in Squamish watershed. Interact with and educate the public on local salmon populations and science of hatchery processes.	Summer 2022 Summer 2023
Instructor. Strathcona Park Lodge and Outdoor Education Center. Campbell River, BC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate week long, place-based outdoor education experiences for students ranging from grade 5 to 12. Emphasis placed on social-emotional curriculum while fulfilling experiential physical activities (rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, mountaineering etc).	April 2015 - Nov 2018

Position, Company, Location, Responsibilities.	Date
<u>Program Manager.</u> Strathcona Park Lodge and Outdoor Education Center. <i>Campbell River, BC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed week-long, place-based, outdoor education experiences for 5 visiting school groups per week (30-150 students per group) including transportation, waivers, finances, meal plans, accommodation plans, risk management plans, appropriate activity selection and scheduling, staffing, emergency preparedness, curricular goal accountability, community relations and more. 	Jan 2018 - Nov 2018
<u>Leader.</u> The Outdoor Education Group. <i>Victoria, Australia</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead 7-10 day expedition based, outdoor education programming for students grade 3-12 in various locations around Australia. Emphasis on each trip being thoroughly planned to meet curricular expectations of school clients. 	Jan 2014 - Dec 2014

Secondary Education

Institution and Level	Date
Bachelor of Education. Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, BC Focus on Elementary Education. K-12 Degree. Dean's List 3 semesters.	Sept 2021 - April 2023
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops BC Braiding of Anthropology, Geography, Biology. Dean's List 1 semester.	Jan 2019 - current
Adventure Recreation and Park Technician Diploma. Sault College, Sault Ste Marie Ontario Adventure Tourism and Natural Environment Sciences. Outstanding Women in Leadership and Adventure Award.	Sept 2011-April 2013

Bachelor of Education Practicum Experiences.

Grade, School, Experience	Date
Grade Four. Marion Schilling Elementary School - Kamloops, BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for teaching all curriculum and independent classroom management and creating UDL informed lessons to allow entry for all students. 	Jan-Mar 2023
Grade Three/Four. Raft River Elementary School - Clearwater, BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School start-up experience focused on team building, establishing routines, expected behaviors and lessons in interconnectedness inspired by salmon. 2 field trips led. 	Sept 2022
Grade Two/Three/Four. Savona Elementary School - Savona, BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small, rural school setting where UDL and DI was absolutely necessary to access all learners in mathematics and science across three grades. 	April 2022
Grade 5. Kamloops School of the Arts - Kamloops, BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First SD73 practicum, focused on rapport building and meaningfully integrating arts curriculum into english language arts. 	Oct-Nov 2021

Jessica Merrikin's Professional References:

Referee	Relationship to Applicant	Contact information
Karla Chernoff	Vice Principal of Marion Schilling Elementary School	kchernoff@exc.sd73.bc.ca (250) 372-2027
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