**Nicole K. Powell**

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Available Start Date: Part-Time; June 6, 2015.

**Education**

**Texas Lutheran** **University- Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program,** Seguin, Texas

Teacher Certificate- Fall 2012

Grade 4-8 Science

Grade 4-8 ESL Generalist

**Texas Lutheran University**

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Environmental Track

Chemistry Minor

Graduated December 2011

GPA: 3.59/4; Cum Laude, Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, TLU Pace Scholar, Biology Senior Class President, Provost’s List, Dean’s List, Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society, Texas Academy of Science- Chapter Ambassador and member, Wesley Foundation member

**Experience**

**Children’s Ministries Director**

Bracken United Methodist Church: Part-Time

September 2014- Present

**Junior High Classroom Teacher- 7th Grade Math/8th Grade Science**

La Vernia Junior High School

August 2013-June 2015

**Trained and Competed in Agility**

Masters Agility Title Earned

Diverse Breed Experience

May 2002- Present

**Substitute Teacher/Student Teacher**

La Vernia Junior High School

March 2012-June 2013

**Youth Group Counselor**

La Vernia United Methodist Church- Crossfire Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

May 2008- Current

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department- 400 hour Internship**

**Ray Roberts Lake State Park: Johnson Branch Unit (and satellite parks)**

May 16, 2011- July 22, 2011

• Participated in all aspects of the park’s operations: administrative, law enforcement, maintenance, and educational/Interpretive Programs.

• Special Project: Interpretive presentation- Sounds of the Night (created an animated story)

**Independent Study Research/Internship- Plant and Lichen Taxonomy, Texas Lutheran University**

June 2010- July 2010; Weston Ranch, Marion, Texas

• Skills learned and perfected: Plant taxonomy topics- surveying, collection, identification, pressing/preserving, mounting, and storage of plant specimens, as well as an introduction to GPS, topography, geological history, ranch management ideas, and personal organizational, research, and leadership skills.

**Biology Laboratory Teaching Assistant- Texas Lutheran University**

Spring 2010

**Other Related Experience**

**Senior Capstone Research and Seminar Presentation- “Ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*) Recovery and Conservation in South Texas”**

Texas Lutheran University; December 2011

**Presented Research- “Native and Non-native Vascular Plants on the Weston Ranch, Guadalupe County, Texas” (Poster)**

Texas Academy of Science 114th Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas

March 2011

**Presented Ecology Case Study- Density of *Agalinis homalantha* on the Reeves Ranch**

Texas Lutheran University; November 2010- December 2010; Guadalupe County, Texas

• Performed a field study on the preferred habitat of the herb, *Agalinis homolantha*, by observing and measuring the herb’s density in several distinct microhabitats throughout the ranch.

**Presented Human Observational Research Project- for Social Sociology Course**

Texas Lutheran University; September 2010-December 2010

• Obtained certification through Protecting Human Research Participants (Training).

• Group research on the topic of how being pregnant affects the public’s willingness to offer assistance to a woman in difficult situations; race was also a factor observed.

**Middle School Science Fair Judge- Volunteer**

New Braunfels, Texas

Fall 2010

**Additional Skills**

• Chemistry, Physics, and Algebra tutoring

• GIS (Geographical Informational Systems)

• Read/understand small amounts of Spanish

• Have had training in CPR (most recent seminar- Summer 2011)

**References, letters of recommendation, and school transcripts available upon request**.