

# Joseph E. Crouse

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**CAREER OBJECTIVE** To provide meaningful instruction to students specifically in Social Studies, utilizing my content knowledge, classroom management skills, and pedagogical expertise.

**EDUCATION** **Bachelor of Arts in History**, May 2006  
Messiah College, Grantham, PA  
Pennsylvania State Certification in Social Studies; Grades 7-12

**SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

- GPA: 3.802/4.0, Magna Cum Laude
- Dean's List and Provost's Scholarship (8 semesters)
- Member, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society)
- Participant, Education Leadership Seminar
- Student Scholar Intern for Messiah College Department of Education Research Grant
- ETS Recognition of Excellence for Exceptional Performance on the Praxis II Examination (Social Studies: Content knowledge)

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE** **Student Teacher, Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School**  
*Mechanicsburg, PA* *Spring 2006*

- Taught four periods of contemporary American History (1960-Present) to eleventh graders, as well as one period of American Law to eleventh and twelfth graders.
- Assumed all classroom management responsibilities including discipline, attendance, and homeroom responsibilities.

**Commissioner, Governor's Commission on Training America's Teachers**  
*Harrisburg, PA* *September 2005-June 2006*

- Developed recommendations to improve teacher education in Pennsylvania for Governor Ed Rendell.
- Presented research and recommendations to Governor Rendell in May 2006

**Student Representative, Student Teaching Supervision Work Group**  
*Messiah College, Grantham, PA* *May 17-18, 2006*

- Developed a comprehensive model of student teaching supervision for Messiah College.
- Served with full-time and adjunct professors of education from Messiah College at the request of the Messiah College Department of Education.

**Chief Judge, National History Day Competition**  
*Messiah College, Grantham, PA* *April 1, 2006*

- Led a panel of judges who judged Junior Individual Exhibits on the theme, "Taking a Stand In History."

**Homework Helper, RW Brown Community Center,**  
*Philadelphia, PA*

*Spring 2005*

- Assisted children with homework.
- Supervised activities during volunteer after-school program.

**Gear-Up Tutor, Harrisburg School District**

*Harrisburg, PA*

*Fall 2004*

- Tutored seventh grade social studies and English students one-on-one and in groups.

**Junior Field Experience, Mechanicsburg Middle School**

*Mechanicsburg, PA*

*Fall 2004*

- Taught entire class periods and mini-lessons, graded papers.
- Observed social studies teachers with a variety of teaching and classroom management styles.

**Activities Leader, Northeast Weekend Christian Conference**

*Harvey Cedars, NJ*

*October 2004*

- Led physical activities for seventh through ninth graders.
- Group included three special needs students.

**WORK  
RELATED  
EXPERIENCE**

**Bank Teller and Customer Service Representative**

*First Saving Bank of Perkasie, Perkasie, PA*

*Summer 2004-2006*

- Provided customer service including deposits, withdrawals, checkbook balancing, and account management.
- Responsible for large amounts of currency and customer confidentiality.

**Departmental Work-Study**

*Messiah College Education Department, Grantham, PA* *Fall 2005-Present*

- Assisted faculty and staff in the administration of the department through secretarial duties.
- Managed programs associated with teacher certification and a "Teacher Quality Enhancement" (TQE) grant.

**CROSS-CULTURAL  
EXPERIENCES**

**Messiah College, Philadelphia Campus**

*Philadelphia, PA*

*Spring 2005*

- Enrolled in Urban Cross-Cultural Program that examined issues such as overcrowding, urban blight and renewal, and schools in Philadelphia, PA
- Took classes at Temple University
- Volunteered as a Homework Helper for the Caring People Alliance's RW Brown Community Center in North Philadelphia.

**ACTIVITIES AND  
INTERESTS**

- Messiah College Symphonic Winds
- Sports and Exercise
- Reading
- Trivia and Quiz Bowl