Zixin Zheng

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EDUCATION

California State University, Los Angeles   Los Angeles, CA
Education Specialist Degree in School Psychology   *Expected June 2027*
- GPA: 4.0/4.0

University of California, Los Angeles   Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology   *September 2022 – June 2024*
- Honors: Summa Cum Laude
- GPA: 4.0/4.0

Mt. San Antonio College   Walnut, CA
Associate of Arts for Transfer in Psychology   *June 2020 – June 2022*
- Honor's Scholar, President's Honors List, Academic Distinction Honor
- GPA: 4.0/4.0

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lifetastic Learning   West Covina, CA
Registered Behavior Technician   *June 2023 – Present*
- Assist a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) in the development and implementation of individualized plans for more than 32 children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Administer structured behavior modification programs, utilizing techniques such as positive and negative reinforcement, token economy, shaping, and modeling and consistently monitoring and documenting progress to adjust interventions for optimal outcomes
- Employ Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to enhance communication, social interaction, and problem-solving skills among children with ASD and to reduce unwanted behaviors
- Collaborate closely with an occupational therapist in facilitating the development and improvement of motor skills and coordination for children with ASD, promoting greater independence and self-sufficiency
- Lead engaging group therapy sessions, incorporating activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, and dance to promote peer interaction and facilitate the development of essential social and life skills among children diagnosed with ASD

Mathnasium   Hacienda Heights, CA
Math Tutor   *August 2021 – July 2022*
- Employed a variety of effective teaching methodologies to instruct K-12 students in the fundamental concepts of mathematics and adapted teaching strategies to accommodate various learning styles and preferences
- Customized weekly lesson plans and objectives to accommodate students' diverse skill levels and learning styles, resulting in significant improvements in math grades for over 80% of students
- Provided individualized guidance within students' unique learning plans, facilitating the comprehension of challenging math concepts and the enhancement of their mathematical skills through step-by-step guidance
- Continuously monitored and assessed students' progress to gauge their understanding and areas for improvement, making necessary adjustments to instruction and learning plans to ensure consistent growth

American Chinese School   Rowland Heights, CA
Teacher's Assistant and Children's Tutor   *August 2018 – March 2020*
- Supported a group of approximately 25 elementary school students each day, providing guidance in completing their daily homework in various subjects, including English, math, science, and social studies
- Identified each student's areas for improvement and provided constructive feedback, leading to notable improvements in their overall academic performance
- Maintained open and effective communication with parents, providing regular updates on their children's academic progress, behavior, and any notable accomplishments

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Collaborative Research on Educational Equity and Wellbeing (CREW) Lab   Los Angeles, CA
Research Assistant   *January 2025 – Present*
- Conduct research on bullying involvement and mental health outcomes among youth with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) using Latent Profile Analysis (LPA)
- Collaborate with research team members to evaluate literary works and gather contextual research to summarize prior research on bullying and learning disabilities
- Prepare findings for presentations, reports, or potential publications in peer-reviewed journals

ADDITIONAL

CERTIFICATIONS: Psychological First Aid (PFA) certification (01/2025-Present), CITI Certification on Social & Behavioral Research (09/2024-Present), Registered Behavior Technician, Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BCBA) Certified (09/2023-Present), Physical Therapy Aide Certification (08/2023-Present), CPR/First Aid Certified (04/2023-Present)
TECHNICAL SKILLS: Experience with using Data Analysis Tools (SPSS, Jamovi, and R), Data Collection (Qualtrics & Google Forms), Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
LANGUAGES: English and Mandarin