

# Amanda Taylor Gainer

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Experience working with a diverse population of students in an inclusion classroom.
- Using diverse learning strategies with students in the classroom.
- Over four years of customer service experience in retail and in childcare settings.
- Well-versed in using basic computer functions and application software including Microsoft, Apple, and Google.

## EDUCATION

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

**Bachelor of Science**

May 2021

**Major or Concentration:** Interdisciplinary Studies-Teacher Prep

**Minor:** American Studies

GPA: 3.65

Dean's List: Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020

### Relevant Courses :

Fundamentals of Human Growth and Development: Birth through Adolescence

Students with Diverse Learning Needs in the General Education Classroom

Foundations and Introduction to Assessment of Education

PK-12 Instructional Technology

Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Mathematics, Language Arts, Science & Social Science

### Certifications :

January 2021: Professional Development Program

October 9, 2020: Understanding Anger, Bias and Trauma: Building Empathy

Fall 2019; Fall 2020: LSI Leadership Lecture Series Certification Program

Fall 2019 - Fall 2020: Professional Development - SVEA

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

Old Dominion University Children's Learning Research Center; Norfolk, Virginia  
2020

November 2018- August

### Teacher Assistant

- Served breakfast, lunch, and snacks to students-- age 3 and under.
- Established a fun, safe space for students to learn and explore.
- Assisted with facilitating lead-teacher lessons.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grandy Village Recreation Center

June 2018- August 2018

### Recreation Aide

Clinical Experience (Observation-TLED301)

October 2019- November 2019

**Hours Completed:30 hrs**

Clinical Experience (Practicum-TLED478)

November 2020

**Hours Completed: 51.19 hrs**

## LEADERSHIP

*ODU Student Virginia Education Association*

**(November 2017-Present)**

**President;** January 2020 – Present

- Events and meeting planner, sends out special communications, outreach to other organization SVEA chapters

**Vice President;** May – December 2020

- Assist President with tasks such as emails and event planning; coordinator for Read Across America Day event.

**Secretary;** January – May 2020

- Created emails, event pages and other written communications; notated attendance and member involvement hours.

**Diversity Week Committee;** February 2020

- Participated in planning Diversity Day Activity: Paint & Sip.

*SVEA-AE*

**(January 2021-Present)**

**Board of Directors Eastern Region Representative**

- Assisting in planning SVEA state convention and distributing information to SVEA chapters in eastern region.

*NEA-AE*

**(September 2020- Present)**

**BLM Week of Action Planning Team;** November 2020 – Present

- Assisting in planning actions that the National Education Association can take for diversity training; promotion of week of action.

**NEA Aspiring Educator Leadership Team;** October 2020 – Present

- Helping to plan events for the National Education Association AE program; pushing out events to state and chapter AE members.

*Aspiring Educators of Color Caucus*

*(September 2020-Present)*

**Secretary;** September 2020 – Present

- Create emails and other written communications, notate attendance and involvement of members, help plan social justice education events.

*Additional Leadership*

Challenge Day for NFK's Summer Leadership Camp

July 2018

**Adult Leader**

- Served as adult leader/group facilitator of Challenge Day event for Norfolk youth.

**VOLUNTEER**

Read Across America Day

February 2020; February 2021

Student Virginia Education Association Book Fair

November - December 2019; February 2021

English Language Partners

October 2020-Present

**AWARDS**

- First Year Scholar

February 2018

- Pathway Retention Award

August 2018 - May 2019