

Statement of Professional Goals

I had been working as a part-time substitute teacher for a few years and I just happened to be browsing the St. Johns County School District website. I stumbled across Educator Preparation Institute (E.P.I.) in the professional development section. This seemed like a good opportunity for me to make the jump to the next level.

Most of my substituting experience has been proctoring tests or handing out worksheets for the students to work on. My lesson plans have been academic up to this point in my career. Now I need to field-test some of these lessons to see how they stand up in the real classroom.

My decision to teach was not an overnight, blinding flash of light spiritual experience. It was more of a gradual process. I have found myself working in Florida's service sector in jobs that experienced high turn over. It seemed that I was the one always training the new people. I trained quite a few relief night auditors and eventually my replacement.

My last change to a security position at a small, but rapidly growing private college may seem like a step down, but it gives me a unique perspective. This year's freshmen are last year's high-school seniors. I get