

Finding a Primary and Secondary Teaching Position in Latin

In this presentation I will be discussing the job seeking and interview process for obtaining a Latin teaching position in primary and secondary education. I will be drawing on my own experiences as a graduate with an MA in Classics and my professional experience teaching in two public high schools and a private primary and middle school for gifted children.

I will begin my talk with a brief discussion concerning how to find job openings and postings for Latin teachers as well as on the types of schools that generally teach Latin in primary and secondary education. Openings can be found through ACL placement website, word of mouth or a search of openings at schools in the search area. On a local level and wider state level, the community of Latin teachers is also a great resource as openings are carried by word of mouth.

Next, I will discuss my experiences in the application and interview process for primary and secondary Latin positions including certification. During the application and interview process, emphasis is placed on practical teaching experience. Many questions focus on “what would you do?” or “what did you do situations?” involving helping students find success in the classroom. All positions in public education will require state teaching certification. Some positions and states will allow you to apply for temporary certification in order to teach while achieving certification. Certification requirements vary by state by generally include testing and additional class requirements.

Finally, I will discuss some challenges that I faced once I made it into the classroom. Once you secure a teaching position, the real stress can begin. Teaching

Latin is the easy part. Dealing with challenging students, situations, parents and classroom management can be stressful and overwhelming. Creating a support system within and outside the school is key to success.