

To Whom it May Concern,

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I am delighted to write a recommendation letter for Ms. Karina Olsen. She has demonstrated her preparedness and potential to be a successful teacher and educator in multiple contexts. She is a role model of character as well as educational best practices. She is a graduate of the Educational Studies program at Principia College. This program has a strong emphasis on preparing future teachers and on getting students into a variety of different classroom settings to help prepare them to be excellent teachers.

I was Ms. Olsen's academic advisor, teaching assistant supervisor, and professor during her 4 year undergraduate degree. She was an outstanding student, teacher's assistant and community member. She was one of the top students in our Educational Studies degree program and set a high standard for her peers. Her passion for quality, creativity, effectiveness, and making a difference in other people's lives comes naturally to her.

The lessons Ms. Olsen designed and taught during her undergraduate degree were always creative, hands-on, student-centered, and showed alignment between the goals, outcomes, activities, and assessments. She has a portfolio of effective lessons that she has designed and taught using the UBD format. Her cooperating teachers, and supervising teachers always had outstanding things to say about her lessons and her natural rapport with students.

During her undergraduate degree, Ms. Olsen was an active member of our college campus community and held several leadership positions. She participated in a study abroad program, teaching internships in an inner city school in St. Louis and at a private school in Philadelphia. Her most notable qualities are her love for and inclusivity of others, organizational skills, dedication to quality work, flexibility, enthusiasm, character, and the tireless joy she finds in helping others.

If you are looking for someone of the highest caliber who is open to feedback, dedicated to outstanding performance, ready and willing to jump in and support, and will create a safe and effective learning environment, Ms. Olsen will surpass your expectations. She would be a blessing to any classroom that she is assigned to. Please be in touch if you have any questions!

Sincerely,  
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