

# JESSICA CRUZ

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## EDUCATION

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**Trinity College, Hartford, CT**

Expected Graduation May, 2026

*BA in Educational Studies*

*Awards: Posse Foundation Full-Tuition Leadership Scholarship (2022-2026)*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Trinity College Boys and Girls Club**

Hartford, CT

*Afterschool Volunteer Workshop Instructor*

Spring 2024

- Designed and taught three hands-on science workshops for 10 total elementary, middle, and high school students.
- Recorded and reflected on Lesson [1](#), [2](#), and [3](#) discussing lesson outlines, learning, and lesson evaluation.
- Accounted for student's interests, responses to lessons, and the afterschool environment to inform relevant lessons.

**Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (HMTCA) & Trinity Partnership**

Hartford, CT

*Mentor*

August 2023-Present

- Hold bi-weekly meetings with HMTCA students taking Trinity courses to share recourses and fulfill individual needs.
- Liaise the supervisor and professors with students to advise effective approaches such as study and notetaking habits.
- Conduct orientation to provide supplies, Trinity portal tutorials, and a campus tour ensuring successful transition.

**Trinity College "Academic Leadership" Course**

Hartford, CT

*Teacher Assistant*

January 2024-Present

- Develop rubrics, activities, and assignments with instructor and co-TAs to uphold course themes and rigor.
- Monitor and operate Moodle (Learning Platform) for grading and providing accessible content to students.
- Advise the general class and assigned cohort of students supplying on and off campus resources to support progress.

**Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan Elementary School**

Hartford, CT

*Volunteer Teaching Assistant*

Spring 2023

- Developed and conducted three inquiry-based hands-on math lessons for 5<sup>th</sup> graders ensuring a thinking environment.
- Implemented culturally relevant materials for different student contexts and emergent multilingual learners.
- Established a [teaching portfolio](#) reflecting on classroom management, objectives, and outcomes to enrich teaching.

**Northwestern University – Center for Talent Development**

Evanston, IL

*Teacher Assistant*

June-August 2023

- Hosted two weekly TA office hours to make strong rapport with students providing emotional and academic aid.
- Corresponded with the teacher to grade, design, and conduct lessons for an effective system achieving course goals.
- Supervised class transitions and in-class behavior maintaining student safety and academic integrity.

**Trinfo Café and Environmental Science Magnet School**

Hartford, CT

*After School Teacher*

September 2022-May 2023

- Designed lessons with co-teachers for ESM 4th graders mastering basic presentation and research skills via Google.
- Managed and instructed teamwork based 1-hour lessons for 8 students fostering a nonexclusive learning community.
- Discussed weekly with co-teachers to improve the course to achieve efficient and meaningful learning objectives.

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

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*Technical: Datawrapper (Intermediate), Canva (Intermediate), iMovie (Intermediate)*

*Language: Understanding of Tagalog (Intermediate)*