GABRIELA TORRES-VALENCIA

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ABOUT

A bilingual (English and Spanish) nursing student who enjoys taking on academic and extracurricular challenges, always looking for ways to learn and grow. I am a certified lifeguard, and an advocate for women's rights and other diversity and inclusion programs. Passionate about volunteering and working with special needs individuals.

EXPERIENCE

BONNER VOLUNTEER | Feb. 2025 – Present TCNJ/ARC Mercer | Ewing, NJ

- Assist Bonner Scholars in caring for individuals with developmental disabilities during Unified Learning sessions.
- Engage with service recipients to foster a welcoming, friendly environment.

BABYSITTER | Aug. 2023 – Present

The Hernandez Family | Ridgefield, NJ

- Care for a 1-year-old toddler while keeping a safe, organized, and clean environment to keep her entertained.
- Carry out creative, educational, and fun activities.

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR | July 2024 – Aug. 2024 Ridgefield Recreation | Ridgefield, NJ

- Plan and led activities to keep 7th and 8th graders engaged and entertained.
- Communicated with parents, assisted with trip coordination, and ensured kids safety.

LIFEGUARD AND SWIM INSTRUCTOR | May 2022 - Sept. 2023

Ridgefield Public Pools | Ridgefield, NJ

- Monitored pool activities, enforced rules, watched patrons, and administered CPR and other first aid protocols.
- Taught private swimming lessons to children and adults, and supported the team during special events.

VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR | July 2023 – July 2023

Never Alone Again | Teaneck, NJ

- Mentored and supervised children victim of domestic abuse.
- Organized and taught arts and crafts classes.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING | June 2021 – May 2023 **Tenafly Nature Center** | Tenafly, NJ

- Assisted in creating and leading educational and recreational activities.
- Taught children about the importance of preserving forests and the environment.

LANGUAGES

English & Spanish (Native/Fluent) • Italian (Basic comprehension)

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Writing • Public Speaking • Mentoring & Empowerment • Team Player • G Suite • CPR & Lifeguard certified

LEADERSHIP & CLUBS

Bonner Volunteer Program • Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children • Student Nursing Association • Union Latina