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To:

Elizabeth S Quevedo
Department Head
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Visayas State University
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Re: Instructor I Position

Ms. Quevedo,

I am currently employed as a Laboratory Analyst by Battelle Memorial Institute at the Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond, Kentucky, USA. I analyze air samples that are collected around a facility used to destroy chemical weapons that have been stored at the Depot starting in World War II.

I have a Masters Degree in Chemistry from the University of Missouri-St Louis (UMSL, 2009) and a Bachelors Degree in Chemistry from Morehead State University (2001) in Morehead, Kentucky. I also attended graduate school at the University of Kentucky and was funded as a teaching assistant. I taught both General Chemistry Labs and Organic Labs. I moved to UMSL when my faculty advisor moved. I enjoyed teaching and mentoring students in the classroom and in my lab where I conducted research in the area of Inorganic Chemistry synthesizing coordination compounds for the purpose of making single molecule magnets. We always had undergraduates in the lab working beside us.

At Alltech, Inc., an animal nutrition company, I worked as a research chemist synthesizing organic, organoselenium and carbohydrate compounds. I also was the leader on a project that focused on making molecularly imprinted polymers on the surface of glass beads that could be used to extract aflatoxins from milk. I received two patents on that work. I also have experience as an analytical chemist using a variety of instruments such as GC-MS, GC-FPD, GC-FID, UV-Vis, IR, HPLC, Atomic Absorption and Scanning Electron Microscopy.

I have friends in Ormoc City and I visited the Philippines in February 2020. It was a great pleasure to be in the Philippines and especially in Leyte. I would like very much to live in the Philippines. I am studying Visaya and have learned some Tagalog. I would enjoy teaching again and would be willing to teach on the main campus or one of the satellite campuses.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R Withers