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UTA Experience Reflection

Math 302B: Understanding Elementary Mathematics (B)

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Being a UTA for Math 302B has helped me with my academic career, my communication skills, and my confidence. My major is mathematics with an emphasis in education so my experience in the UTA program in general helped me in my major. Since Math 302B is also a teaching course, I learned different teaching techniques that I do not learn in my classes. I also got to prepare two lessons and teach them to the class. This experience and knowledge gained from making these lessons will help me in the future when I am doing this for practicum or my future job as a teacher. With teaching lessons and tutoring, my communication skills have improved. Being able to explain problems is always a good tool to know. If the student did not understand how I explained it the first time, then I had to come up with another way. This helped me think about problems in multiple ways, think on the spot and communicate the same problem in a different way. From teaching a lesson to tutoring one student, this experience has helped me with my confidence in standing in front of a classroom as well as my communication skills. I have been afraid that if I explain a problem then the students won't understand, but knowing I helped many students succeed this semester has given me the confidence that I can communicate a problem and explain it well. Lastly, I would recommend the UTA program to anyone who is interested in working on their communication skills and confidence because you need to communicate with your mentor and your students. The

experience teaches you how to work with another (your mentor) and how to explain difficult problems.