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Educational Background

- Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
 - Master of Science in Education degree, 1976
 - Major Field: Curriculum and Instruction
 - Emphasis: Learning Disabilities and Emotional Disabilities (now "Behavioral Disorders")
 - Secondary Administration licensure program
 - Evaluator license
- Seattle Pacific University; Seattle, Washington
 - Bachelor of Arts degree, 1967
 - Major: English Literature
 - Minors: French, Speech, Drama
 - Secondary education teaching licensure program

Experience in the Field of Education

1967 to
2005

• DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

•Special Education Supervisor (1986-2005)

Responsibilities included:

- interpreting special education law for administrators and K-12 teaching staff
- providing direct information and leadership in meeting the needs of students with disabilities in the classroom setting at their neighborhood schools
- managing multiple department budgets, which include those for professional development in the area of collaboration and inclusion and those for computer hardware/software needed by students with special needs and staff with specialized work requirements
- point of contact for community information regarding learning disabilities and vision programs for the district
- mediating conflicts between schools and parents regarding special education services
- providing in-services to general education staff and special education staff regarding low-incidence disabilities (i.e. vision, hearing, physical, severe and profound, autism), meeting the needs of the English language learners, current strategies in academic and behavioral areas, self-advocacy to meet the transition needs of adolescents with disabilities, assistive technology for students with language and low cognitive deficits, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
- providing expertise to support staff and principals regarding general education accommodations needed (i.e. making changes in curriculum/instruction/environment to meet student needs, current and emerging assistive technologies, and effective use of para-educators)
- providing problem-solving assistance to principals, support staff, and teachers regarding specific student behavioral issues.

- Special Education Zone Supervisor (1995-2005)
 - Learning Disabilities/Multicategorical Supervisor (1986-1995)
 - Served as LD Supervisor while the LD supervisor was on leave (1982-83 school year)
 - Secondary Learning Disabilities/Multicategorical Consultant (1978-1986)
- Responsibilities included:
- conducting IEP meetings with parents and staff
 - providing in-service to middle schools and high schools regarding the integration of students into general education classrooms
 - providing ongoing training to teachers in areas of identification and assessment practices, effective teaching strategies, working with classroom teachers, and writing quality IEPs
 - managing special education rosters through a database
 - working with principals and staff on schedules that include both collaboration and pullout services for students
- Hoover High School Learning Disabilities Resource Teacher (1975-1978)
 - Lincoln High School Teacher (English, Speech, Drama) (1970-1975)
 - Brody Junior High Teacher (French) (1967-1970)

Professional Associations

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
 Council of Administrators in Special Education (CEC Div.)
 Phi Delta Kappa (PDK)
 Des Moines School Administrators (DMSA)
 Alpha Xi Delta Sorority Alumnae
 Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic Fraternity

Presentations

Numerous presentations, inservices, and staff development classes, presented at district, AEA, state, and national level. The following list is not inclusive, but represents the variety of presentations given over the last twenty years only.

- Making Accommodations in the Elementary and Secondary Classroom
- Effective Modifications for Students with Disabilities in the Secondary Tech-Vocational Classroom
- Essential Components of Effective Collaboration
- Using Read 180 to increase middle school students' reading skills
- Using Word Processing with LD Students (CEC national conference, 1985)
- Techniques to Improve Writing Skills of High School

Students with Disabilities

- Strategies for Increasing Reading Comprehension for Struggling Middle School Students
- Effective Behavior Strategies for the Beginning Teacher
- Introduction to Computer Literacy
- Drug-Affected Children: Implications for School Staff
- Best Practices in Writing Quality IEPs
- Using the Problem Solving Approach in Special Education
- Implementing BIC (a pre-referral intervention program) in your Building
- Curriculum Based Measurement: Developing Reading, Math, and Written Language Probes
- Progress Monitoring of IEP Goals
- Using Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom
- Positive Behavior Supports for School-wide Discipline
- Effective Collaboration in Your School
- Peer Tutoring/Using Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS)
- Understanding Functional Behavior Assessment
- Kansas University Learning Strategies Curriculum
- Effective Home-School Communication
- Dealing with Difficult People
- Effective Use of Classroom Observation
- Developing Systematic Interventions
- Learning Styles

Courses Taught

- Adjunct Instructor, Grand View College (1997-present) (teaching special education certification classes)

Classes I have taught include:

- Diagnosis and Evaluation of Special Education Students
- Individual Behavior Management
- Career and Vocational Programming in Special Education
- Learning Disabilities Methods/Multicategorical Methods
- Communication with Home, School, and the Community

- Adjunct Instructor, Drake University (Summer, 1983, 1984; Spring, 2005) Taught graduate classes in Special Education Assessment and Methods

- *Adjunct Instructor and Supervisor, Morningside College (2005-present)

Teach introduction to special education and supervise masters' level internships.

*Student Teacher Supervisor, Waldorf College (2005-2007)
Supervised undergraduate student teachers.

•Composition Instructor, Des Moines Area Community College (1983-90) Taught classes in writing and research Methods

Professional Activities

- Iowa Behavioral Initiative (IBI) Facilitator (per Department of Education, Special Education Bureau) (1995-97)
- Member, DE Oversight Committee for Iowa-Special Education Effectiveness Project (I-SEE)
- Des Moines School Administrators, Vice-President (2004-05), Secretary (2002-03), Treasurer (1995-96),
- DMPS Administrative Academy Cadre on Student Achievement (1995-1997)
- *Chair, State Supervisors of Special Education (1995-96; 2003-2005)

Professional Writing

- Developed an inservice training packet on “Making Accommodations for Mildly-Handicapped Students in the Secondary Regular Education Classroom,” through a contract with Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center, 1979.
- Developed an inservice training packet on “Individualizing Instruction for the Mildly-Handicapped in the Regular Education Classroom,” through a contract with Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center, 1980.
- Updated Des Moines Public Schools’ Learning Disabilities Curriculum (K-5, 6-8, 9-12), with committee input, spring, 1983.
- Edited updates on Des Moines Public Schools’ Manual of Policies and Procedures in Special Education (MOPPSE) for content, format, and writing conventions, 1986-2001.
- Developed courses taught through Heartland AEA on the following topics: Collaborative Consultation (1994) and Using Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies (1995).

*Co-wrote 75th anniversary History of Smouse Opportunity School Book, Des Moines, Spring, 2007.

*Co-wrote 30th anniversary book on Friendship Force of Greater Des Moines, Fall, 2007.

*Developed graduate level online course on autism spectrum disorders for University of Wisconsin, Stout (2008)

Honors

- Polk County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities Administrator-of-the-Year Award, 1988.
 - Recognition Award from Des Moines Schools' Administrators as a "Leader of Leaders" on Student Achievement, 2000.
 - Certificate of Appreciation from Des Moines Public Schools' Elementary and Special Education Departments for pursuit of excellence partnership, 1989.
 - Selected by Des Moines Public Schools' Administrative Academy to develop in-service for all DMPS administrators on individualizing instruction for student achievement, 1998-1999.
 - The Gallup Organization recognition for meeting standards of excellence for Teacher Perceiver Training (1998) and Support Services Perceiver Specialist Training (1999).
- *Friendship Force Volunteer of the Year Award (2008) for Greater Des Moines Friendship Force organization

Computer Skills

- Taught classes in using Macintosh word processing programs to teachers and support staff (1985-1989)
- Have working knowledge of: Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel and Docuware (inhouse database of student records)
- Taught students and provided in-service to teachers

on the Scholastic Read 180 computer-assisted reading program and teacher management suite

- Provided in-services to teachers on the application of Kurzweil reading computer software in the classroom

Civic Activities

- Broadlawn Mental Health Advisory Council (1984-90)
- Member, Deacon, Westminster Presbyterian Church (2000-2003)
- Friendship Force (committee chair, hosts, ambassadors)
Hosted visitors from Korea, Venezuela, Russia, Ireland, England and Egypt; Traveled as ambassador to Korea, England, Egypt, Russia, and New Zealand.
- Host for foreign exchange students through Des Moines sister with St. Etienne, Youth for Understanding (host for one year and temporary host), and Lincoln High School exchange with Bury, England
- Hosts for Foreign Ambassadors, per U.S. Senator Grassley (1995, 1997, 1999)
- Member and host for Iowa Council of International Understanding
- Lifetime Member, Blank Childrens' Hospital Guild and Iowa Methodist Hospital Guild
- Questers, Abbie Gardner Chapter, President (1997-98)
Secretary (1995-1996), Vice-President (1996-1997)
- Co-Chair, Westminster Presbyterian Antiques Small Group
- Volunteer at community gardening projects
- * Membership Chairperson for Board of Directors, Urbandale Historical Society (2006-2009)
- * Program Chairperson, Polk County Master Gardeners (2009-2010)

Personal Information

- Married; two grown daughters and sons-in-law; five grandchildren; a yellow lab named Leo.
- Iowa State University/Polk County Master Gardener, Class of 2005.