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## EDUCATION

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- Ed.D.** University of Northern Colorado, Educational Studies-School Reform May 2021  
Dissertation: "Student and Teacher Relationships at the Secondary Level."  
Committee: Dr. Derek Gottlieb
- M.A.** University of Nebraska Kearney May 2013  
School Principalship 7-12 and Special Education Supervision
- M.A.** University of Nebraska Kearney Fall 2009  
Advanced Practitioner-Special Education
- University of Nebraska Kearney  
Teaching Endorsement—7-12 Business and Special Education Fall 2005
- B.S.** University of Nebraska Kearney August 2000  
Organizational Communication

## EXPERIENCE

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- University of Nebraska Kearney** 2022-present  
Assistant Professor-Teacher Education/Special Education  
Program lead for all additional special education students  
Faculty advisor for SPED transfer and elementary education students
- University of Nebraska Kearney** 2015-present  
Senior Lecturer-Teacher Education/Special Education  
Faculty advisor for SPED transfer and elementary education students  
Complete program of studies for all additional endorsement students
- University of Nebraska Kearney** 2010-2015  
Adjunct Faculty  
Taught 1-3 courses per semester in teacher and special education department
- Grand Island Public Schools** 2006-2015  
Educational Consultant and Department Chair Special Education Department  
Special Education Teacher-Development Learning Program

## EDUCATION COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL

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### University of Nebraska Kearney

- TE 204: Growth & Development/Introduction to Exceptionalities\*\*
- TE 408/808P: Human Relations
- TE 803: Philosophy of Education
- TESE 323: Partnerships with Families\*\*
- TESE 330: Collaboration Consultation Teamwork
- TESE 421/821P: Individuals w/Exceptionalities\*\*
- TESE 461: Legal Issues in Special Education\*\*
- TESE 462: Assessment & IEP Development\*\*
- TESE 463: Instructional Strategies for Individual with Disabilities\*\*
- TESE 469/822P: Psychology and Education of Gifted and Talented Learners\*
- TESE 479/879: Teaching Social Skills to Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder\*
- TESE 487/887P: Teaching Functional Academics\*
- TESE 371: Field Experience with Multiple Disabilities Students
- TESE 372: Inst Strategies Individuals with Intellectual/Multiple Disabilities
- TESE 861: Legal Issues in Special Education\*\*
- TESE 862: Formal and Informal Assessment\*\*
- TESE 863: Research-Based Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities\*
- TESE 872: Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities\*\*
- TESE 873: Teaching Students with Multiple Disabilities\*

\*Courses designed by me

\*\*Courses designed and taught by me

## CERTIFICATES

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Google Educator, Level 1	2019-Present
Nebraska administrative certificate: 7-12 principal and B-12 special education supervisor	2013-Present
Nebraska teaching certificate: Special education generalist, 7-12 basic business, and work-based learning	2005-Present

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Refereed Journal Articles

Fisher, C., Vu, P., & Lai, P. (2022). Faculty course evaluations and class size. *Active Learning in Higher Education*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/14697874221126739>

Vu, P., & Fisher, C. (2021). Does virtual field experience deliver?: An examination into virtual field experience during the pandemic and its implications for teacher

education programs. *Open Praxis*, 13(1), 117-125.  
<https://doi.org/10.5944/openpraxis.13.1.1191>

### **Accepted Refereed Journal Articles**

**Fisher, C.**, Cahill, A., Yungdahl, E., & Lopez, G. (2025). Resilience and stressors: Examining impact of COVID-19 on rural special education teachers. *Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals*, (Winter 2025).

### **Conference Presentations**

#### **Peer Reviewed International/National Presentations**

Cahill, A., & **Fisher, C.** (November 2024). *Early career SPED teacher survey*. Teacher Educators of Children with Behavioral Disorders (TECBD) Conference. Tempe, Arizona. <https://events.bizzabo.com/TECBD2024/home>

**Fisher, C.** (March 2024). *Navigating perspectives: Demystifying disability in education*. Critical Questions in Education Symposium. New Orleans, Louisiana. <https://academyforeducationalstudies.org/conference/>

Cahill, A., & **Fisher, C.** (November 2023). *Teaching future teachers: Leveling up pedagogical skills with self-regulated strategy development (SRSD)*. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. Long Beach, California. <https://tedcec.org/events/ted-conference/>

**Fisher, C.** (October 2023). *Combatting the crisis: University's plan to tackle special education teacher shortage*. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. Long Beach, California. <https://tedcec.org/events/ted-conference/>

Cahill, A., & **Fisher, C.** (October 2022). *Los diez primeros: Positive behavior tips for teachers to change classroom management*. Critical Questions in Education Symposium. Denver, Colorado.  
<https://academyforeducationalstudies.org/conference/>

#### **Invited Regional, State, and Local Conferences and Other Presentations**

Cahill, A., & **Fisher, C.** (2022). *Changing classroom management through teacher beliefs*. Emerson Elementary School. Kearney, NE.

ESU 11 Fall Conference (October 2019), “Dyslexia 101”

Central Nebraska Support Service Program (CNSSP) Special Education Teachers meeting (April 2015), “Transitioning students with special needs with ease.”

Central Nebraska Support Service Program (CNSSP) Special Education Teachers meeting (October 2014), “Using the Unique Learning System in Community-Based Learning Programs.”

Grand Island Public Schools Professional Development (January 2010), “Read Naturally and Struggling Readers.”

**Professional Organizations:**

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development ( <b>ASCD</b> )	2021-Present
National Association of Special Education Teachers ( <b>NASET</b> )	2019-Present
Nebraska Educational Technology Association ( <b>NETA</b> )	2019-Present
American Association for Teaching and Curriculum	2017-Present
Council for Exceptional Children-Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities	2016-Present
Council for Exceptional Children-Division for Research	2016-Present
Council for Exceptional Children-Teacher Education Division ( <b>TED</b> )	2016-Present
Council for Exceptional Children-Teacher Education Division-Nebraska	2013-Present
Council for Exceptional Children ( <b>CEC</b> )	2013-Present
Nebraska Association of School Administrators ( <b>NASA</b> )	2011-2013
Kappa Delta Pi ( <b>KDP</b> )	2008-2010 & 2015-Present
Alpha Delta Kappa ( <b>ADK</b> )—Nu Chapter	2007-Present
Nebraska State Education Association ( <b>NSEA</b> )	2006-Present

**Service**

University of Nebraska System

Social Determinants of Health project— NU Collaboration Grant	2022-Present
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University of Nebraska Kearney

Advising Innovations Steering Committee	2023-present
Director of Community Standards and Student Conduct Search Committee	2023-present
Faculty Senate Committee-Student Affairs	2019-Present

College of Education

Rule 24 NDE Report Writer for Special Education	2023-Present
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Academic Policy and Standards Committee	2022-Present
COE 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee	2022
Faculty Conversation member, Welcome Weekend for First Year	2015-Present
Greeter, Welcome Back Committee	2015-Present

Teacher Education

Member of Search Committee Team: Special Education	2023-Present
CAEP Lesson and Unit Plan Review Team	2021-Present
Special Education and Elementary Education Transfer Advisor	2021-Present
Member of Search Committee Team: Special Education	2020
Racial Healing Handbook Book Study	2020
Special Education Additional Endorsement Program Lead and Advisor	2018-Present
Faculty Scholarship Committee	2017-Present
Special Olympics College and Young Athlete's Faculty Advisor	2017-Present
Transfer Students Special Education Majors Advisor	2017-Present
Member of Search Committee Team: Special Education	2016
Potential Loper Tours	2015-Present
Committee Member for Peer Review	2017
CAEP Standard Two committee	2016-2018

Kearney Community

First Lutheran Pre-School board member and board chair	2022-Present
ARC of Buffalo County, board member	2021-Present
Mission Outreach Team-First Lutheran Church	2019-Present

Outside of UNK and Kearney

IEP Advocate Consulting	2023-Present
Special Education Endorsement Review Board for Nebraska Department of Education	2022-Present