



# Kathie Sweet

MONTESSORI DIRECTOR

## Details

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## Skills

Computer Skills

Creativity

Montessori Curriculum  
Development

## Profile

Experienced Montessori Educator and Teacher Trainer

## Employment History

### Interim Director of Montessori Education, Lecturer, University of Nebraska-Kearney, Kearney, NE

MAY 2020 – PRESENT

- Oversee the Montessori Teacher Education Program for Early Childhood and Elementary I levels
- Teach Montessori undergraduate and graduate-level courses, Early Childhood and Elementary I levels
- Oversee Montessori faculty
- Facilitate program accreditation
- Ensure program quality and alignment with AMS and MACTE

### Elementary Level Coordinator, Field Consultant, University of Nebraska-Kearney, Kearney, NE

AUGUST 2019 – MAY 2020

- Assisted Montessori Endowed Chair with accreditation related to the elementary program
- Ensured program quality and alignment with AMS and MACTE

### Adjunct Instructor, University of Nebraska-Kearney, Kearney, NE

JANUARY 2019 – MAY 2020

- Taught graduate-level Montessori Teacher Education courses

### Teacher Trainer, Mentor, Consultant, Interim Director, Montessori Children's Academy, Omaha, NE

SEPTEMBER 2019 – MAY 2020

*Private Montessori child care center*

- Trained preschool teachers in Montessori curriculum
- Facilitated readiness for Step up to Quality
- Served as Interim Director for two months

### English Language Teacher, Dada, Beijing, China

JANUARY 2018 – DECEMBER 2019

*China-based English learning company*

- Taught English to children in China via live online video platform

### Montessori Teacher Trainer, Mid-America Montessori Teacher Training Institute, Omaha, NE

APRIL 2021 – APRIL 2021

*AMS Teacher Education Program*

- Facilitated teacher training for the elementary level

### Montessori teacher, Millard Public Schools, Omaha, NE

AUGUST 1996 – JUNE 2018

*Mini-magnet program in an urban school district*

- Montessori Teacher for Lower Elementary (grades 1-3) - 1996-2003; 2007-2019
- Montessori Teacher for Primary (preschool-Kindergarten) - 2003-2007

Professional Responsibilities:

- Consultant for Millard Intervention Team
- Mentor for new teachers
- Social Committee Chairperson
- Served on Site Planning Teams
- Action Team Leader for Site Planning
- Junior Achievement Coordinator
- Professional Learning Community Team Leader

### **Preschool Teacher , Love & Learn Preschool, Omaha, NE**

SEPTEMBER 1994 – MAY 1996

*Christian preschool at Faith Westwood United Methodist Church*

- Preschool teacher for ages 3-6
- Developed and taught developmentally appropriate curriculum including Bible-based instruction

#### Professional Responsibilities:

- Member of Board of Directors

### **Preschool Teacher, Creche Child Care, Omaha, NE**

SEPTEMBER 1992 – AUGUST 1994

*Non-profit child care center*

- Preschool Teacher for a low-income and racially diverse population
- Developed and taught curriculum based on Developmentally Appropriate Practice

### **Montessori Teacher, Parkview Montessori School, Elk Grove Village, IL**

AUGUST 1987 – MAY 1989

*Private Montessori child care center*

- Toddler Teacher

### **Teacher, Webster County Schools, Webster Springs, WV**

SEPTEMBER 1984 – JUNE 1987

*Rural consolidated school district*

- Grades 7-8 Language Arts Teacher - 1984-1985
- Grade 5 Teacher - 1985-1987

## **Education**

### **Ed.D in progress, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE**

AUGUST 2020 – PRESENT

Currently enrolled in CPED program; expected completion date 2023

### **M.Ed., University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, NE**

SEPTEMBER 1992 – AUGUST 2003

- Master of Science in Elementary Education with a focus in Early Childhood and Reading
- Earned Early Childhood endorsement

### **BA, Marietta College, Marietta, OH**

SEPTEMBER 1980 – JUNE 1984

- Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
- Earned OH K-8 Teaching certification

### **AMS Certification, Mid-America Montessori Teacher Training Institute, Omaha, NE**

JUNE 1997 – JULY 2003

- Earned American Montessori Society credentials in Early Childhood (ages 3-6) and Elementary I (ages 6-9)

## **Additional Certifications**

### **Nebraska Teaching Certificate**

APRIL 2021 – APRIL 2021

- Early Childhood
- Elementary

## **Community Involvement**

### **Preschool Christian Education Team Leader, Flatland Church, Omaha, NE**

AUGUST 2018 – PRESENT

- Scheduling, curriculum development, teaching, and coordinating volunteers for Sunday preschool classes

### **Women's Bible Study Leader, Flatland Church, Omaha, NE**

SEPTEMBER 2017 – PRESENT

- Planning and facilitation of weekly women's Bible study

### **Research Team, Flatland Church, Omaha, NE**

JANUARY 2018 – MARCH 2021

- Research and weekly blog posts for church website

## **Presentations**

### **Foundational Skills in Montessori Early Childhood, UNK Early Childhood Conference**

OCTOBER 2019 – OCTOBER 2019

## **Professional Development**

### **Faculty Online Training, University of Nebraska-Kearney**

JANUARY 2019 – MAY 2019

### **Safe with You, Omaha, NE**

FEBRUARY 2020 – FEBRUARY 2020

### **Montessori Foundation/IMC Conference, Virtual**

NOVEMBER 2020 – NOVEMBER 2020

### **The Montessori Event/AMS, Virtual**

MARCH 2021 – MARCH 2021

### **Childhood Potential Conference, Virtual**

APRIL 2021 – APRIL 2021

## **Scholarship**

### **Teacher Scholars Academy Review, University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

MARCH 2021 – MARCH 2021

- Participated in selection process through review of resumes and video applications and interviews with candidates

### **Peer Reviewer for The Nebraska Educator , Lincoln, NE**

APRIL 2021 – PRESENT

- Currently preparing to participate as a peer reviewer