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EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2003

Master of arts in education | University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Major: Educational Administration, Supervisor of Special Education
- Endorsement: Mild/Moderate Handicapped 7-12 Endorsement

MAY 1999

Bachelor of arts in education | University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Major: Elementary Education
- Major: Mild/Moderate Handicapped K-6

EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION

AUGUST 2023 – PRESENT

Lecturer | University of Nebraska at Kearney | Kearney, NE

Courses Taught:

- TE 204 Growth & Development/Introduction to Exceptionalities
- TESE 330 Consultation, Collaboration, & Co-Teaching
- TESE 437 Medical Aspects of Individuals with Disabilities
- TESE 372 Instructional Strategies for Students with Intellectual/Multiple Disabilities
- TE 411 Inclusive Practices for Students with Exceptionalities in PreK-8

JANUARY 2023- May 2023

Special Education paraprofessional | Kearney Public Schools | Kearney, NE

- Support students in the regular classroom with academic skills.
- Provide one on one and small group instruction to enhance student learning.

JULY 2019- SEPTEMBER 2022

Special Education Administrator | Mosaic | Axtell, NE

- Supervise and evaluate special education paraprofessionals and certified teachers (up to 14 paraprofessionals and 3 teachers).
- Make curriculum decisions and purchases.
- Track budget
- Upkeep individual students and classroom technology.

- Coordinate occupational, physical, and speech therapy professional services.
- Guide parents and school districts through educational admission process.
- Responsible for the design and creation of sensory room environments.

MAY 1999- SEPTEMBER 2022

Special Education Teacher | Mosaic | Axtell, NE

- Monitor and maintain a self-contained educational service for students with mild, moderate, and severe/profound intellectual, medical and physical disabilities.
- Collaborate with team members to develop and implement Individualized Education Plans.
- Complete individual and district wide assessments.
- Adapt and modify curriculum to meet the needs of individual students.
- Complete behavioral assessments; write and implement behavioral support plans.
- Maintain student records within the Student Record System (SRS).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Committee Member, CAEP Committee, 2023-present
- Committee Member, Special Education Department, 2023-present
- Committee Member, TE 204 Committee, 2023-present
- Committee Member, TE Faculty, 2023-present
- Faculty Advisor for S.O. College, 2024-present
- Faculty Advisor for Campus Girl Scouts, 2024-present

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- TE 204, Growth & Dev/Intro to Except, 6 courses, Fall 2023-present
- TESE 330, Collaboration Consult & Co-Tch, 6 courses, Fall 2023-present
- TESE 372, Instructional Strategies for Individuals with Intellectual/Multiple Disabilities, 1 course, Fall 2023-present
- TESE 437, Medical Aspects of Individuals with Disabilities, 1 course, Fall 2023-present
- TE 411, Inclusive Practices for Students with Exceptionalities in PreK-8, 1 course, Fall 2023-present

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- Girl Scout Leader and Service Unit Volunteer, 2010-present
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- Girl Scout Product Sales Coordinator, Kearney, 2017-present
- Kearney Band Parents Association, 2016-2023
- First Baptist Awana/Pioneer Clubs Volunteer, 2012-2022
- Park Elementary PTO, 2007-2016

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Girl Scout Volunteer of Excellence, 2012
- Girl Scout Appreciation Pin, 2019
- Girl Scout Honor Pin, 2022

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- TEACCH Autism Program Five-Day Classroom Training; July 2015; Chapel Hill, NC
- Professional Crisis Management (PCM) Instructor
- CPR/First Aid
- Tri-State Special Education Law Conference
- Mandt Instructor
- Workshop, "How Can I Create Alternative Syllabi to Make My Class More Inclusive?," UNK, Kearney, NE. October 2024
- Workshop, "Weave & Quality Assurance Training," UNK, Kearney, NE, October 2024
- Workshop, "How Can I Enhance the Quality of Class Discussions Using Shared Documents?," UNK, Kearney, NE. October 2024
- Workshop, "How Can I Recover Student Engagement Mid-Semester?," UNK, Kearney, NE, September 2024
- Workshop, "How Do I Get Students to Complete Reading Assignments?," UNK, Kearney, NE, September 2024
- Workshop, "How Can I Apply Virtual Reality to Create Meaningful Assignments and Assessments?," UNK, Kearney, NE, September 2024
- Workshop, "How Can I Use AI Tools to Better Manage My Time?," UNK, Kearney, NE, August 2024
- Workshop, "Faculty Symposium for Engaged Pedagogy," UNK, Kearney, NE, August 21, 2024
- Workshop, "How Can I Use Technology Platforms to Engage Students in Active Learning?," UNK, Kearney, NE, March 2024
- Workshop, "How Can I Create a Meaningful Online Learning Experience for Students?," UNK, Kearney, NE, February 2024
- Workshop, "Introduction to Project Para for Beginning Users," UNL, Lincoln, NE, November 2023
- Workshop, "Navigating Degree Works: "The Basics"," UNK, Kearney, NE, October 2023
- Workshop, "New Faculty Training," UNK, Kearney, NE, September 2023
- Workshop, "Syllabus Revision," UNK, Kearney, NE, August 2023
- Workshop, "Teacher Education Department Retreat," UNK, Kearney, NE, August 2023
- Workshop, "New Faculty Orientation," UNK, Kearney, NE, August 2023

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Council for Exceptional Children, 2023-present

PRESENTATIONS

- Abdulrahim, N. (Leader), Maxson, K. (Presenter). 18th Annual Central Nebraska Youth First Conference, "Employability and Social Skill Practice with UNK," Nebraska Transition, Aurora, Nebraska. (March 21, 2024).