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EDUCATION

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. December 2022
Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Research

Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS. August 2016
Master of Science – Educational Administration

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. May 2003
Master of Arts- Elementary Education

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. May 1992
Bachelor of Arts- Elementary Education

HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Instructor August 2023-Present

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

- Encourages active participation through discussion
- Teach future teacher candidates required course material to prepare for teaching career
- Fosters supportive learning environment, helping students develop advanced level and subject-specific skills
- Produces high-quality teaching materials for supporting and developing student learning.
- Teach in-person courses of up to 25 students in each course
- Develops and implements a variety of teaching strategies to engage students in the classroom.
- Collaborates with colleagues to develop innovative approaches to teaching courses.
- Facilitates discussions among students by posing thought-provoking questions related to course materials

- Evaluate student performance through in class activities, assignments and assessments.

Courses Taught:

RDG 3113 Early Literacy Instruction I

- **Field experience. Foundational knowledge of the English linguistic system. Methods/materials for teaching systematically the oral/ written language connection, concepts about print, phonological/orthographic awareness, phonics principles.**

RDG 3123 Early Literacy Instruction II

- **Field experience. Concepts, materials, and teaching strategies for oral language development and early systematic reading and writing instruction specific to vocabulary, fluency and comprehension.**

Teacher Intern Supervisor
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

Jan. 2022-May 2023

- Supervised 10+ undergraduate and graduate student teachers through formal and summative evaluations.
- Mentored aspiring educators and provided feedback.
- Graded assignments assigned to teacher interns.

P-12 EXPERIENCE

Oak Hill Academy -Interventionist/ Classroom Consultant Aug. 2022-May 2023

West Point, MS

- Provided individual and small group instruction to students who are struggling academically.
- Collaborated with classroom teachers and school administration about best practices for students.
- Measured academic performance by communicating with classroom teachers.

Aberdeen School District - Third Grade Distance Learning Teacher
Aberdeen, MS

08/2020 - 05/2021

- Interacted independently with students using distance education technologies such as Zoom and e-mail.
- Communicated frequently with parents, students and faculty to provide feedback and discuss instructional strategies.
- Modified lessons and curriculum to accommodate diverse learners by using strategies such as peer-assisted learning and group work.
- Provided online instruction by utilizing interactive discussion groups and materials to accommodate and enhance virtual learning.

Aberdeen School District - Library Media Specialist

Aberdeen, MS

08/2016 - 05/2021

- Instructed students and staff in research processes and understanding copyright, fair use and licensing of intellectual property.
- Repaired or replaced damaged items to maintain continuity of service.
- Stayed abreast of latest trends and strategies in field by reading trade publications and attending conferences.
- Encouraged reading, information literacy skills and information resources through book clubs and reading programs.
- Motivated students to use instructional technology to promote achievement of learning objectives.
- Collaborated with teachers by scheduling library activities and procuring resources.
- Updated library collection to include multicultural titles to fit student population.
- Developed and executed yearly budgets to purchase yearly acquisition of books, periodicals, supplies and computer software and hardware.
- Coordinated family-focused events and programming to increase media and software literacy.
- Implemented and maintained automated catalogs, circulation systems and textbook check-out services.
- Promoted library through public relations avenues such as library website and newsletter.

Mississippi Public Broadcasting - E-Learning Facilitator

Jackson, MS

08/2016 - 04/2020

- Facilitated online education courses for teacher CEU credits.
- Created and provided assistance and instruction on course materials.
- Interfaced with class participants on weekly assignments and responses.
- Administered online examinations and grades to participants as required.

Aberdeen School District - First and Second Grade Teacher

Aberdeen, MS

08/2006 - 05/2016

- Built positive relationships with parents to involve families in educational process.
- Taught lessons encompassing skill-building activities in speaking, writing, reading and listening.
- Planned lessons according to district and state standards to cover requirements and prepare for standardized tests.
- Implemented classroom management improvements to enhance class morale and engagement.
- Taught students subject-specific material, learning strategies and social skills.
- Drove student learning by establishing clear classroom plans and group objectives, as well as actionable strategies to achieve each goal.
- Assessed student learning progress and comprehension with routine tests and standardized examinations.
- Assessed student progress by administering tests and evaluating results.

Aberdeen School District - Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Aberdeen, MS

08/1992 - 05/2006

- Fostered reasoning and problem solving through active exploration games and activities.
- Allowed for ample outdoor discovery time in schedule each day.
- Monitored students' academic, social and emotional progress and recorded in individual files.
- Created an enriching learning environment for pre-kindergarten students with immersive class experiences and early childhood benchmarks.
- Equipped parents with tools and resources to extend pre-kindergarten growth and learning experiences in the home

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Online Teaching 101 (Beginning October 2, 2023- The Center for Teaching and Learning, Mississippi State University)