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<b>EDUCATION</b>
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- 2007**      **Ed. D**  
Tennessee State University System- Johnson City, T.N  
(Defense: May: 2007)
- 2003/04**   **NBPTS Certification Program**  
Thomas A. Edison State College - New Jersey
- 2002**      **Master of Education Degree in Special Education**  
(Modified, Comprehensive, and Cross Categorical licensure)  
East Tennessee State University - Johnson City, T.N
- 1999**      **Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education**  
Mars Hill College - Mars Hill, NC
- 1996**      **Associates in Arts**  
Mayland Community College - Spruce Pine, NC

**Additional certifications:**

- 2006**   **Gifted Education**
- 2004**   **National Board Assessor Certification / Training**
- 2003**   **National Board Certification ECYA / ENS**
- 04/03**   **Certified in Wilson Multi-sensory Language Training**
- 08/02**   **North Carolina School Improvement Plan – Emergent Literacy Level 2 Trainer**
- 06/02**   **North Carolina Professional Licensure Training**

<b>Professional Experience in Education:</b>
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| <b>03/07 - Current</b> | <b>Board member of the International Dyslexia Association</b>                   |
| <b>01/07- Current</b>  | <b>NCDPI Mathematics Consultant</b>   |
| <b>05/03 --Current</b> | <b>Assistant Professor / Coordinator, Special Education - Mars Hill College</b> |
| <b>07/01 -- 05/03</b>  | <b>Intensive Intervention Specialist - EC Program Cross Categorical</b>         |
| <b>08/99 -- 06/01</b>  | <b>First grade teacher at Mars Hill Elementary</b>                              |
| <b>06/99 -- 07/99</b>  | <b>Multicultural experience at North Side Elementary School</b>                 |

<b>Professional Service: (Present)</b>
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**Training of administrators, physiologist, and lead support faculty across NC regarding RTI**  
**North Carolina School Improvement Plan (NCSIP)**  
**North Carolina Consortium of Universities**  
**Consultant - Madison County School District**  
**Assessor - National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**  
**Kappa Delta Pi**  
**Phi Kappa Phi**  
**Council of Exceptional Children**

**North Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NCRID)**

**College Committee Service**

**Co Chair - Mars Hill College Committee on Disabilities  
NCATE Committee Team Member  
Teacher Education Council  
VPASA Search Committee  
Recruitment Committee  
Education Technology Committee  
Program Assessment Committee**

**Public Schools / Community Service**

**Ongoing professional development regarding exceptional children  
Board member with Mission / St. Joseph's Children's Hospital  
Consultant to the public schools  
Consultant to the N.C. Families Information Resources Support and Technology (F.R.I.S.T.)  
Student Services Management Consultation Team for Madison County Schools  
Developed Emergency Management / Safe Schools Plan for Madison County Schools  
SACS Certification Team for Mars Hill Elementary**

**TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**01/07            Development of Mathematics Foundations Training for all NC teachers  
2006-2007      Presentations and coordination of inclusion movement in Haywood county  
10/05            50 hour workshop on Reading Foundations presentation for the NC Public Schools  
09/05            Presentation for NC Public Schools and parents regarding new procedures and  
                         legislation governing exceptional children programs.  
05/05            Presentation on Emergent Literacy @ MAYREAD  
01/05            National Boards Professional Teaching Standards Workshop for NC  
                         Public Schools  
08/04            NETS-T standards presentations  
08/04            Presentation for NC in-service teachers focused on reading instruction for students  
                         with persistent reading problems  
07/04            Presenting – Legal Issues and quality IEPs  
02/04            Presentation for NC SIP for teaching students with disabilities reading  
01/04            LIVETEXT technology presentation  
05/01            Workshop Model Policy on Communicable Diseases  
04/01            Workshop / Presentation – Deaf Student's Literacy and The Educational Team  
02/00            National Teacher's Renaissance Conference  
01/00            North Carolina Educational Opportunities Training. (AG)**

**Research Interests**

**Postsecondary services to students with disabilities  
Assistive Technology  
Response to early intervention (Literacy, Math, Social Skills)  
Self-Determination  
Self-efficacy in children of special needs  
Post-secondary services for individuals with disabilities  
Litigation and legislation involving higher education and / or students with disabilities**

Courses Taught (Present)	
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ED 251	Introduction to Special Education
ED 329	<i>Motor, Communication, and Sensory Deficits of the Exceptional Child.</i>
ED 347	<i>Sociocultural Foundations of Teaching Students with Disabilities</i>
ED 348	<i>Nature / Needs of Students w/ L.D.</i>
ED 350	<i>Behavior Management</i>
ED 416	<i>Specialized Instructional Methods and Materials</i>
ED 432	<i>Collaboration and Consultation Skills</i>
ED 435	<i>Assessments Methods Uses and Interpretations</i>
ED 450	<i>Teaching Mathematics to Students with Disabilities</i>
ED 451	<i>Curriculum Based Assessment</i>
ED 455	<i>Teaching Students with persistent reading problems</i>
ED 456	Legal Issues / Procedures Focused on Exceptional Needs Children
ED 464	<i>Planning / Managing the Learning Environment</i>
ED 480	<i>Observational / Directed Teaching</i>
	<i>All Gifted Education Courses for Mars Hill College</i>

Special Interest
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Martial Arts – have spent a good part of my life involved in the art of Karate  
Animals – a German Sheppard  
Nature - enjoy the outdoors including mountain biking, hiking, and repelling  
Travel- within the U.S. and abroad