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EDUCATION

Doctor of Education 2019
Specialization: **Curriculum and Instruction**
Dissertation: Yearlong Student Teaching Internship Program Evaluation
Honors: Graduation with Distinction
Capella University, Minneapolis, MN

Master of Arts in Education 2006
Specialization: **Special Education**
University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ

Bachelor of Science in Education 2000
Specialization: **Elementary Education**
Chadron State College, Chadron, NE

LICENSURE

Professional Teaching Certification State of Nebraska 2025-2035
Elementary (K-6)
Special Education Generalist (K-12)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor 2019- Present
Chadron State College: Chadron, NE

- Instruct undergraduate and graduate students through remote and face-to-face classes
- Advise graduate and undergraduate students to ensure they are on track to graduate
- Service on graduate committees
- Implement a variety of teaching methods including case studies, group discussions, guest speakers, and multimedia presentations to engage student learning
- Collaborate with other faculty in the education department to develop course material and revamp curriculum
- Conduct research to identify and incorporate in-demand professional competencies into case studies and virtual experiential learning activities
- Supervise students during their student-teaching experience

Courses Taught:
EDUC 131 Introduction to Teaching
EDUC 321 Teaching Elem/MS Mathematics

EDUC 322 Teaching Elem/MS Language Arts
 EDUC 329 Assessment Foundations
 EDUC 405 Alt Cert Pro Sequence-Special Education
 EDUC 411S Reading Writing in the Content Area
 EDUC 412S Curriculum and Standards
 EDUC 414S Classroom Management
 EDUC 441 Curriculum and Standards
 EDUC 442 Classroom Management and Curriculum Foundations
 EDUC 542 Classroom Management and Practicum
 EDUC 639 Advanced Methods of Performance Assessment
 EDCI 635 Curriculum Development
 SPED 230 Intro to Exceptional Learner
 SPED 331 Behavior Modification and Management
 SPED 334 Differentiated Instruction/Diverse Classroom
 SPED 412S/444 Special Education Practices and Strategies
 SPED 439/539 Language and Learning Disorders
 SPED 455/555 Characteristics of Learning Disabilities

Department Chair- Education

2023- Present

Chadron State College: Chadron, NE

- Lead monthly department meeting and EPP meeting
- Create a class schedule for the education program
- Update 4-year course rotation
- Attend NACTE and NCTE meetings and relay information to the education program

Adjunct Professor

2016 - 2019

Chadron State College: Chadron, NE

- Instructed up to 90 undergraduate students per semester through remote and face-to-face classes
- Utilized learning systems to communicate with students, record grades, and track attendance
- Implemented a variety of teaching methods including case studies, group discussions, guest speakers, and multimedia presentations to engage student learning
- Collaborated with other faculty in the Education Department to develop course material and revamp curriculum
- Conducted research to identify and incorporate in-demand professional competencies into case studies and virtual experiential learning activities

Courses Taught:

- EDUC 131 Introduction to Teaching
- SPED 334 Differentiated Instruction/Diverse Classroom
- SPED 230 Intro to the Exceptional Learner
- SPED 439 Language and Learning Disorders
- EDUC 495 Education Capstone

Language Arts Teacher

2004 - 2015

Prairie Middle School: Aurora, CO

- Member of Professional Learning Team responsible for aligning Colorado Language Arts Content Standards with Common Core Standards
- Developed standards-based curriculum for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade
- Instructed a diverse student population including second-language and special-education learners
- Modified lessons to meet individual student needs, which resulted in the highest-ranking student growth among eighth-grade teachers
- Co-taught with English Language Learner teacher and Special Education teacher, which offered extended learning opportunities for students
- Incorporated cross-curricular lessons to integrate social studies, math, and science into the language arts curriculum
- Used data to drive instruction to ensure all students achieved proficiency and/or mastery in all content areas
- Coordinated and led bi-weekly meetings regarding student behavior and concerns with cross-curricular team members
- Participated in special education meetings to create individualized learning goals for students

Special Education Teacher

Prairie Middle School: Aurora, CO

- Managed a caseload of students; duties included writing students' Individual Education Plans (IEP), conducting state-mandated meetings, coordinating student goals with teachers, and ensuring that student accommodations were met

Department Coordinator

2008 - 2015

Prairie Middle School: Aurora, CO

- Provided professional development for Language Arts teachers to realign curriculum to Common Core State Standards
- Monitored Language Arts budget: purchased supplies, books, and necessary equipment for the department
- Served as a liaison in district meetings with all language art coordinators
- Observed 24 teachers in the Language Arts Department and provided valuable feedback
- Conducted interviews for new teaching candidates
- Designed, implemented, and oversaw the school-wide reading initiative
- Co-writer of the 7th grade writing curriculum for a communications class
- Provided training for teachers on the curriculum in monthly meetings
- Routinely met with principal and assistant principal to discuss department needs and to discuss instructional development needs for the teachers in the building

Differentiation Coach

2010 - 2015

Prairie Middle School: Aurora, CO

- Designed, led, and presented professional development opportunities for a staff of 128 teachers and administrators
- Created differentiated lessons for Gifted and Talented students
- Differentiated instruction for struggling learners
- Attended district meetings to gain skills and knowledge about differentiation

- Worked with administrative staff to develop long-term goals
- Provided one-on-one coaching to teachers who needed assistance with differentiating lessons

Teacher 2002 - 2003

Whitney School District # 62: Whitney, NE

- Taught fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades in a rural school in Nebraska
- Participated in the creation and implementation of the Rural Schools Technology Grant

Teacher 2000 - 2001

Clinton School District #26: Clinton, NE

- Taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade in a rural school in Nebraska

SERVICE

After School Program External Evaluator 2022-2023

Chadron Public Schools: Chadron, NE

- Attended meetings for the after-school programs
- Visited after-school programs (Chadron Primary, Chadron Intermediate, and Chadron Middle) and provided ideas for improvement to the program
- Completed an evaluation report

Education Club Advisor 2019-2023

- Attended meetings twice a month
- Attended events throughout the year to support students and the campus community
- Advised club members on how they can connect with local schools to help strengthen community connection to the college

Middle School Curriculum Study 2010 - 2015

- Led and designed curriculum for the Language Arts department consisting of 24 teachers
- Attended district meetings and brought back information to share with the principal and implement within the school

PRESENTATIONS

Hayes, J., Rapp, E., & Rust, C. (2022). **Making a Conscious Effort to Connect, Motivate, and Engage**. Presented at 2022 Critical Questions in Education Symposium, Denver, CO.

Rust, C. (2014). **Differentiation Strategies in the Classroom**. Presented at spring professional development meeting, Aurora, CO.