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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Licensed Special Educator since 1987
- Licensed Special Education Administrator since 2007
- Certified Orton-Gillingham instructor
- Design and present in-person and virtual graduate-level coursework, workshops, and in-service training
- Extensive experience in the supervision of pre-service and in-service special educators
- Thorough knowledge of federal and state special education policies, procedures, rules, and regulations
- Excellent organizational, analytical, problem-solving, interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills
- Commitment to inclusion, diversity and equity

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

- 2004 M.Ed., Special Education
University of Vermont
Burlington, VT
- 1987 B.S., Special Education, *Cum Laude*
Mississippi State University
Mississippi State, MS
- 2016 Snelling Center for Education Leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003-date Vermont Higher Education Collaborative for Workforce Development, Berlin, VT
Presenter & Instructor
- Provide professional development workshops and graduate-level coursework (in-person and virtual formats) for parents, educators and administrators in various topics
- Internship Supervisor**
- Supervise special education intern graduate students completing their internships for licensure in special education
- 2023-date The University of Vermont
Internship Supervisor
- Supervise special education intern graduate students completing their internships for licensure in special education
- 2017-2023 Central Vermont Supervisory Union, Williamstown, VT
Director of Special Education
- Special education administrator (PreK-12), six member schools
 - PK and Act 166 administrator
 - English Language Learner (ELL) Coordinator
 - Mc-Kinney-Vento Liaison
 - Collaborate with the Curriculum Director in the oversight and implementation of the SU's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) in six member schools

- Collaborate with the superintendent, business office, principals, curriculum director, teachers, support staff, parents and students, as well as with other school and community personnel in representing the SU's special education needs
- Responsible for preparing federal and state applications, budgets, child count, and various other reports for the special education program
- Develop and manage the special education budget
- Collaborate with building Principals in the hiring and supervision/evaluation of staff
- Provide professional development for teachers and support staff

2013-2017 Caledonia Central Supervisory Union, Danville, VT
Special Services Coordinator

- Special education administrator (PreK-12), four member schools
- English Language Learner (ELL) Coordinator
- Mc-Kinney-Vento Liaison
- Collaborated with the superintendent, business office, principals, curriculum director, teachers, support staff, parents and students, as well as with other school and community personnel in representing the SU's special education needs
- Responsible for preparing federal and state applications, budgets, child count, and various other reports for the special education program
- Oversaw Act 230/BEST, EPSDT, and IDEA grants
- Developed and managed the special education budget
- Collaborated with building Principals in the hiring and supervision/evaluation of staff
- Provided professional development for teachers and support staff

2007-2013 Barre City Elementary and Middle School, Barre, VT
Director of Special Education

- Building-based special education administrator (PK-8)
- Coordinator of BCEMS PK programs
- Collaborated with the building principal in the hiring and supervision/evaluation of staff
- Developed and maintained the building special education budget
- Provided professional development for special education teachers and support staff

2003-2007 Vermont Higher Education Collaborative for Workforce Development, Berlin, VT
Instructor

- Developed and implemented course content to graduate-level licensed teachers in topical areas including special education rules and regulations; differentiated instruction; assessment; reading, writing, and mathematics instruction for students with Specific Learning Disabilities

Mentoring Coordinator

- Coordinated state-wide mentoring program for entry-level special educators in VT

1995-2007 Private Consultant and Instructor, Barre, VT

Consultation and Instruction

- Provided direct instruction to individual students in decoding/encoding, reading fluency, reading comprehension, and written expression
- Consulted with Special Education Coordinators, Principals, Individual Education Plan Teams, and Parents to develop and implement appropriate instructional programs for students experiencing difficulty with literacy acquisition

1999-2003 Montpelier Public Schools, Montpelier, VT

Learning Specialist

Served as case manager for students eligible for special education (middle-school level)

- Provided individual and small group instruction in all academic areas
- Collaborated and consulted with classroom teachers
- Supervised instructional assistant staff
- Developed and implemented behavior modification programs with individual students
- Developed and implemented Individual Education Plans
- Administered assessments and wrote evaluations for students
- Provided district-wide in-service training in the area of literacy

- Coordinated Summer Literacy Lab School, Summer 2000.

1997-1999 Stern Center for Language and Learning, Williston, VT

Trainer

- Supervised and consulted with educators throughout Vermont participating in Orton-Gillingham coursework
- Provided instruction in the areas of literacy development, the structure of the English language, underlying cognitive processing difficulties, and the methodology of Orton-Gillingham
- Disseminated current research in the field of learning disabilities and reading/spelling development

Mentor

- Served as mentor for the T.I.M.E. for Teachers Literacy Research Project
- Consulted with elementary school teachers in various school districts throughout Vermont who were implementing structured language teaching strategies
- Provided on-going training in reading and spelling instruction to elementary school teacher in various school districts throughout Vermont

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- Provided direct instruction in decoding/encoding, written expression, reading comprehension, mathematics, and study/organization skills for students ranging in age from 7-15 utilizing a variety of instructional strategies

1987-1997 Barre City Schools

Special Education Teacher

- Served as Case Manager for students with Individual Education Plans (middle and high school level)
- Provided individual and small group instruction in all academic areas
- Developed and implemented individual behavior intervention programs
- Collaborated and consulted with classroom teachers
- Supervised instructional assistant staff

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
 - Council for the Administrators of Special Education (CASE)
 - Central/Northeast Vermont Special Education Administrator Regional Group (past)
 - Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators (VCSEA), Past President
 - VCSEA Legislative Committee, Past Chair
 - Vermont Higher Education Collaborative, Past Board Chair
 - Washington County Mental Health Governance Board (past)
 - Vermont Assistive Technology Project, Advisory Board member
 - VT CEEDAR workgroup member