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Education:

Ed.D.	Organizational Leadership with an Emphasis in Special Education Target completion 2/2020 Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ	
M.A.	Education Leadership Point Loma Nazarene University, Bakersfield, CA	2012
M.A.	Education Specialist Point Loma Nazarene University, Bakersfield, CA	2009
B.S.	Exercise Science and Kinesiology California State University, Bakersfield, CA	2006

Credentials Held:

California Administrative Education Leadership Credential	2012
California Early Childhood Development Added Authorization	2012
California Mild/Moderate Special Education Teaching Credential	2011
California Moderate/Severe Special Education Teaching Credential	2009

Additional Certifications:

Autism Spectrum Disorders Kern County Superintendent of School, Bakersfield, CA	2012
Assistive Technology Specialist Kern Assistive Technology Center, Bakersfield, CA	2015
Trauma-Informed Training Approaches for Educators San Diego County Office of Education, San Diego, CA	2019

K-12 School Experience:

Rosedale Union School District Mild/Moderate/Severe Preschool Special Day Class: August 2011-August 2015

Kern County Superintendent of Schools Moderate/Severe Prek-2nd Grade Special Day Class: August 2007-June 2011

Higher Education Experience:

Assistant Professor, School of Education August 2017-present
Point Loma Nazarene University

Faculty: Teach courses of special education foundations, special education assessment, language acquisition for students with disabilities and English language development needs, curriculum and instructional practices for students with disabilities, and trauma-informed teaching practices for all k-12 educators. Assisted in intake interviews for potential student candidates; candidate advising;

Accreditation: Assisted SOE with accreditation verification documents; up-to-date on state and federal regulations for education

Curriculum: Completed program and curriculum review and development for special education and Master of Arts in Teaching programs; handbook revisions; online added authorization program launch and fieldwork placement and tracking

Professional Development:
Presented Teacher Performance Assessment Requirements and Components, and Program Scope and Sequence to Bakersfield Adjunct Faculty - September 25, 2019

Presented Universal Design for Learning Workshop through the Center for Teaching and Learning - Main Campus - March 13-14th, 2019

Presented Universal Design for Learning Professional Development for Mission Valley Adjunct Faculty - January 2019

Presented Universal Design for Learning Professional Development for Bakersfield Adjunct Faculty - September 2018

Presented Universal Design for Learning Professional Development for School of Education Faculty - August 2018

Community Outreach:
Fresno Fire Department *Trauma-Informed Practices for Firefighter Spouses* - October 2019

Coordinated Assessment Instruments for the Center for Justice and Reconciliation Human Trafficking Curriculum - 2018-2019

Bakersfield Advisory Council Meetings October 2017, April 2018, November 2018, and April 2019

Professional Contributions:
Poster Presentation*: Beginning Special Education Teachers and Trauma-Informed Teaching Practice*. Council for Exceptional Children National Conference, February 5-8, 2020, Portland OR

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Special Education TPA Focus Group, Sacramento, CA. - August 2019

Affiliations:
Council for Exceptional Children Member 2017-2019
Council of Administrators of Special Education 2017-2019

Community Service:
Night to Shine Training Buddy Team Coordinator and Volunteer Trainer - 2018-2019
Crossroads Christian Fellowship AWANA Secretary - 2017-2018
Crossroads Christian Fellowship AWANA Council Time Guest Speaker - 2017-2019
Night to Shine Buddy Volunteer - 2017

Field Experience Coordinator, School of Education October 2015-August 2017
Point Loma Nazarene University

Curriculum: Developed and maintained field handbook and course syllabi based on state driven standards; assessed and monitored submission of required field forms for all candidates

Professional Development: Trained new university supervisors for field supervision and kept all feld supervisors informed of program changes

Student Affairs: Presented fieldwork requirements to student coursed; tracked student placements and field prerequisites

Community Outreach: Maintained professional working relationships with all 42 districts in the county; established new district partnerships as needed

Additional Special Education Experience:
Terrio Therapy-Fitness, Inc; Terrio Kids: Children's Physical and Occupational Therapy Aide - 11/2006-7/2007

Career Honors and Highlights:

Rosedale Union School District August 2011-August 2015
Special Education Self-Review Committee Member
Lead for Crisis Prevention Institute Campus Team
Induction Support Provider
Administrative Principal Designee
Special Education Teacher of the Year

Kern County Superintendent of Schools August 2007-June 2011
Professional Development Committee

CTA Site Representative

References:

Higher Education

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