

GRETCHEN A. CONWAY

HOME ADDRESS

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EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION AND ENDORSEMENTS

PreK-12 Administrative Endorsement, August 2013, Iowa Principal Leadership Academy
Cumulative GPA: 4.0
National Board Certification, 2008, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
Exceptional Needs Specialist Certification
M.A., Early Childhood Special Education, 2001, UNI, Cedar Falls, IA
Cumulative GPA: 3.85 Major GPA: 3.85
B.A., Elementary Education, 1997, Luther College, Decorah, IA
Cumulative GPA: 3.69 Cum Laude Major GPA: 3.82

CERTIFICATION/ENDORSEMENTS

State of Iowa Administrator License, Folder 334111

- PK-12 Principal/PK-12 Special Education Supervisor
- Evaluator (New)

State of Iowa Teaching License, Folder 334111

- PK-K Teacher, PK-K Classroom
- PK-3 Teacher, Regular Education/Special Education
- Special Education Consultant
- K-6 Teacher Elem Classroom
- K-8 Multicat Resource Mild
- K-8 Mental Disabilities Mild/Moderate
- K-8 Instructional Strategist I: Mild/Moderate

CURRENT POSITION

Clarke University, Assistant Professor of Education, Dubuque, IA, 2020 - present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Briggs Elementary School, Special Education Teacher, Maquoketa, IA, 2018-December, 2019
Keystone Area Education Agency, Sector Coordinator, Dubuque, IA 2008-June, 2018
Keystone Area Education Agency, Administrative Intern, Elkader, IA, 2014-2016
Keystone Area Education Agency, Special Education Consultant, Elkader, IA, 2008-2016
Carrie Lee and West Side Elementary Schools, Special Education Teacher, Decorah, IA, 2004-2008
Amana Elementary School, Special Education Teacher: Grades K-5, Amana, IA, 1998-2004
Central Elementary School, Special Education Teacher: Grades 1-6, Belle Plaine, IA, 1997-1998

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Iowa Department of Education, Des Moines, IA, 2017

- Iowa Alternate Assessment (K-3, ELAA) Scorer

Keystone Area Education Agency, Elkader, IA, 2008-June, 2018

- Co-Teaching Trainer
- Autism Resource Team, Keystone AEA Summer Autism Trainer
- KU Strategic Instruction Model Professional Development Trainer
- Behavior Resource Team, Mentor-Level Trainee
- Site Visit Team for Area School Districts

Iowa Department of Education, Des Moines, IA, 2005-06

- Iowa Alternate Assessment Scorer

United States Department of Education, Washington, D.C., 2005

- Developing Alternate Assessment Technical Adequacy (D.A.A.T.A.) Project Participant

Decorah Community Schools, Decorah, IA, 2004-2008

- Teacher Quality Committee
- Teacher Mentoring Program
- Practicum and Student Teaching Cooperating Teacher

Fulbright Memorial Foundation, Washington, D.C., 2003

- FMF Scholarship Recipient, Immersion in Japanese Schools

PRESENTER EXPERIENCE

Keystone Premier Education Conference (KPEC), June, 2017

- Visualization Strategies
- What's Disney Got that We Don't? – Differentiated Instruction for All Students

Keystone Area Education Agency, Elkader, IA, 2008-June, 2018

- Literacy Is Fundamental Training (specific focus: Explicit Instruction)
- Curriculum & Instruction for Students with Significant Disabilities
- Co-Teaching Theory & Practice
- KU SIM Learning Strategies
- Educational Implications of Autism Spectrum Disorder for Paraprofessionals
- Keystone AEA Summer Autism Training
- Literacy Curriculum for Early Childhood Teachers
- Special Education Updates for Teachers and Administrators
- Characteristics of Autism and Strategies for Students on the Spectrum
- Special Education Accommodations and Modifications

Decorah Community Schools, Decorah, IA, 2004-2008

- Differentiated Instruction

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Iowa Department of Education, Des Moines, IA, 2011-Present

- Autism Leadership Team
- Significant Disabilities Leadership Team

Keystone Area Education Agency, Elkader, IA, 2008-June, 2018

- Administrative Liaison Assistive Technology Team Leadership Work Team
- Administrative Liaison, Autism Resource Team
- Administrative Liaison, Core Team Administrative Liaison
- Administrative Liaison, OT/PT Discipline
- Autism Navigator Lead
- Iowa Alternate Assessment Committee
- Leadership Work Team
- Sector 2 Advisory Team
- Teacher Quality Committee

AWARDS & HONORS

Maquoketa Schools Education Fund Grant Recipient, 2019

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Grant Recipient, 2007

Kids In Need Grant Recipient, 2007

Horace Mann Educator Scholarship, 2007

Farm Bureau Teacher Scholarship Recipient, 2007, 2006, 2004

Teacher of the Year, Iowa City Area, 2003

Fulbright Memorial Scholarship Recipient, Japan, 2002

REFERENCES

Sarah Lehmann, School Improvement Facilitator, Keystone AEA, slehmann@aea1.k12.ia.us, 563-245-1480

Doug Peno, Former Director of Special Education, Keystone AEA, dpeno@aea1.k12.ia.us, 563-245-1480

Barb Schwamman, Superintendent, Osage CSD & Riceville CSD, barb.schwamman@riceville.k12.ia.us, 641-985-2288

Jennifer Soland, School Psychologist, Keystone AEA, jsoland@aea1.k12.ia.us, 563-245-1480