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Summary of Qualifications

- Taught Beginning and Intermediate Spanish courses for six and a half years at the community college level.
- Twenty years of full time teaching duties at the college level.
- Taught English courses at the University of Colima in Mexico.
- Coordinated a foreign student exchange program.
- Developed four new Spanish courses at Collin College.
- Co-developed the Mexican American Field Studies program at Collin College.
- Led and served on many college task forces including search committees across different college disciplines.

Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor **August 2014-Present**
Victoria College **August 2010-May 2011**
Victoria, TX

- Have taught SPAN 1300 and1411

Teacher **August 2010-May2012**
Presbyterian Day School **Victoria, TX**

- Taught Spanish, music and Kid-fit to all classes from 18 months to Kindergarten

Professor of Spanish **Jan 2002-August 2008**
Collin College **Plano, TX**

- Taught SPAN 1411, 1412, 2311 and 2312 in the classroom and developed online courses for 2312 and 1412.
- Coordinated an exchange program with the University of Colima and directed all aspects of the “outbound” portion of the program.
- Developed two Spanish courses for Native speakers and two online Spanish courses as well as a Telecourse.
- Co-developed a Mexican Field Studies program.
- Served as co sponsor of a Spanish club.
- Served on several task forces and led the Foreign Language self evaluation process.

Professor of English **July 1997-August 1999**
School of Languages, University of Colima **Colima, Mexico**

The School of Languages has two and four year degree programs for students choosing professions in Education and the Travel Industry.

- Taught English Grammar, Conversation, American Literature, British Literature, Listening Comprehension and Composition and the School of Languages.
- Developed all coursework taught and searched out all teaching resources.
- Helped to develop the current degree programs at the school.
- Directed and choreographed two musicals completely in English for the public school system and the community. This is now an annual event carried on by my former student.
- Elected best docent for the university.

Professor of Dance **August 1988-2003**
Collin College **Plano, TX**

- Founded and built the Collin Dance program, including creating the courses and two performing dance companies.
- Taught courses in the dance techniques of jazz, modern, ballet and tap as well as Dance Performance and Improvisation.
- Taught courses in the PHED area such as Aerobic Dance, Jogging and Fitness, Walking for Fitness, Weight Training, Concepts of Physical Fitness, First Aid, Lifeguard Training, Beginning Swimming and Swimming and Conditioning.
- Hired adjunct faculty.
- Presented choreographic works at the American College Dance Festival for five years.
- Directed, produced and choreographed for biannual dance concerts.
- Fostered student works that were presented both at the college and the American College Dance Festivals.
- Choreographed for and directed the dance team at basketball events.
- Directed marketing for dance concerts and the dance program as a whole.

Graduate Teaching Assistant **August 1986-August 1988**
Texas Women's University **Denton, TX**

- Taught dance courses to non-majors.
- Taught aerobic dance for TWU faculty.
- Designed lighting for dance concerts.
- Technical director for dance concerts, leading students and faculty in theater set ups and concert performances.

Education and Training

Master of Arts-Spanish	**2004**
Saint Louis University	**St Louis, MO (Madrid Campus)**
Master of Fine Arts-Dance	**1988**
Texas Women's University	**Denton, TX**
Bachelor of Art-Physical Education	**1985**
California State University	**Carson, CA**

Professional Associations

Texas Junior College Teacher Association
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages