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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Kentucky

2017 Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling
Special Education
Dissertation Advisor: Robert G. McKenzie, Ph.D.

M.S. University of Akron

1999 Department of Special Education
Special Education

B.S. University of Akron

1995 Department of Special Education
Special Education: Severe Behavior Handicap

CERTIFICATION

2017 Autism Certification, University of Kentucky

2017 State of Kentucky 5 year professional certificate/ LBD P-12
Expires: 6/2022

2002 National Board Certification/ Exceptional Needs Specialist
Expired: 7/2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Academic Positions

2013-present University of Kentucky, full time lecturer

2008-2013 Midway University, full time faculty

2006-2008 Midway University, adjunct faculty

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Teaching

University of Kentucky: In-seat Special Education Courses

EDS 547 Collaboration and Inclusion in School and Community Settings

EDS 529 Educational Programming for Students with Mild Disabilities

EDS 516 Principles of Behavior Management and Instruction

EDS 570 Learning Disabilities and Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities

Co-taught with Sara Flanagan, Ph.D.

Co-taught with Robert G. McKenzie, Ph.D.

University of Kentucky: Blended Special Education Courses with Supervision

EDS 459 Student Teaching, Learning and Behavior Disabilities

EDS 550 Student Teaching, Moderate to Severe Disabilities

University of Kentucky: In-seat Special Education Courses with Supervision

EDS 589 Field Experiences- Mild Disabilities, University of Kentucky
Supervised by Robert G. McKenzie, Ph.D.

University of Kentucky: Online Courses

EDS 600 Survey of Special Education
Developed and taught asynchronous course

University of Kentucky: Guest Lecturer

EDS 660 Overview of Characteristics and Instructional Strategies for Individuals with ASD
2017 Facilitator

EDS 634 Leadership in Special Education
2017 Advocacy and Making Your Voice Heard

EDS 660 Overview of Characteristics and Instructional Strategies for Individuals with ASD
2015 Visual Activity Schedules

EDS 634 Leadership in Special Education
2015 Engagement in Professional Organizations

EDS 375 Introduction to Education of Exceptional Children
2014 Learning Disabilities
2015 Autism
2017 Learning Disabilities

Midway University: Online Learning and Behavior Disabilities

EDU 315 The Exceptional Child and Legal Aspects of Special Education

EDU 321 Characteristics of Learning and Behavior Disorders

EDU 329 Characteristics and Educational Programming for Secondary LBD Students

EDU 332 Educational Evaluation Techniques

EDU 340 Classroom and Behavior Management for Children and Youth with Learning and Behavior Disabilities

EDU 350 Instructional Technology, Materials and Community Resources for Children and Youth with Learning and Behavioral Disabilities

EDU 380 Characteristics and Educational Programming for Elementary LBD Students

EDU 390 Children and Youth with Exceptionalities in Regular Classroom Settings

Midway University: In-seat Learning and Behavior Disabilities

EDU 315 The Exceptional Child and Legal Aspects of Special Education

Midway University: Online Educational Foundations

EDU 104 Diversity in Education

EDU 100 Introduction to Teaching Profession

Midway University: In-seat Educational Foundations

EDU 104 Diversity in Education

EDU 100 Introduction to Teaching Profession

Midway University: In-seat General Education

PSY 327 Learning and Behavior Disorders and Behavior Modification

Midway University: Online General Education

CT 101 Critical Thinking and Studies in Diversity

Midway University: Seminar with Practicum Experiences

PS 401 Professional Studies

PS 402 Professional Studies

Course Development and Innovations

- 2017 Course Development
- Developed asynchronous online EDS 600 Survey of Special Education course
- 2016 Innovations in Teaching
- Co-taught Collaborative Seminar for student teachers with Margaret Rintamaa, Ph.D.
- 2015 Innovations in Teaching
- Co-taught Collaborative Seminar for student teachers with Margaret Rintamaa, Ph.D.
- 2013 Innovations in Teaching
- EDS 516 Principles of Behavior Management and Instruction- use of Lecture Tools
 - EDS 550 and EDS 459 Student Teaching- creation of observation form linking PGES and KTIP
- 2012 Significant revisions of online courses:
- EDU 380 Characteristics and Educational Programming for Elementary LBD Students
 - EDU 340 Classroom and Behavior Management for Children and Youth with Learning and Behavior Disabilities
 - EDU 350 Instructional Technology, Materials and Community Resources for Children and Youth with Learning and Behavioral Disabilities
 - EDU 321 Characteristics of Learning and Behavior Disorders
 - EDU 329 Characteristics and Educational Programming for Secondary LBD Students
 - EDU 332 Educational Evaluation Techniques
 - EDU 315 The Exceptional Child and Legal Aspects of Special Education
- 2011-2012 Developed online Master of Art in Teaching courses:
- EDS 510 Introduction to Special Education
 - EDU 515 Teaching and Learning I
 - EDU 620 Teaching Students with Special Needs in the General Classroom
 - EDS 520 Assistive and Adaptive Technology
 - EDS 610 Special Education Assessment and Evaluation
 - EDS 625 LBD Methods and Collaboration P-12
- 2010 Realigned and enhanced online Teacher Education Foundations courses:

- EDU 105 Elementary Education
 - EDU 103 Introduction to Education
- 2009 Developed online course:
 - EDU 100 Introduction to Teaching Profession
- 2010 Use of web-assist for in-seat course integration
- 2009-2011 Reformatted online teacher education courses for migration from IntraLearn to Moodle Platform
- 2008 Developed website for LBD candidates including all course resources
- 2008 Developed online courses:
 - EDU 390 Children and Youth with Exceptionalities in Regular Classroom Settings for Midway University
 - EDU 130 Secondary Education for Midway University
- 2007 Realigned and enhanced online Learning and Behavior Disabilities Courses:
 - EDU 380 Characteristics and Educational Programming for Elementary LBD Students
 - EDU 340 Classroom and Behavior Management for Children and Youth with Learning and Behavior Disabilities
 - EDU 350 Instructional Technology, Materials and Community Resources for Children and Youth with Learning and Behavioral Disabilities
 - EDU 321 Characteristics of Learning and Behavior Disorders
 - EDU 329 Characteristics and Educational Programming for Secondary LBD Students
 - EDU 332 Educational Evaluation Techniques
 - EDU 315 The Exceptional Child and Legal Aspects of Special Education
- 2000 Designed and taught initial self-contained program for students with emotional and behavioral disabilities in grades 6-8 Summit Parkway Middle School, Columbia, South Carolina

P-12 Teaching Experience

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| 2005-2006 | Beaumont Middle School | Lexington, KY |
| | <i>Special Education Teacher/Learning Disabled/Behavior Disabled resource grade 7; co-teaching grade 7</i> | |
| 2002-2005 | The Academy at Lexington | Lexington, KY |
| | <i>Special Education Teacher/Learning Disabled/Behavior Disabled resource grade 1-8; co-teaching grades 1-8</i> | |
| 2000-2002 | Summit Parkway Middle School | Columbia, SC |
| | <i>Special Education Teacher/Emotionally Disabled self-contained grades 6-8</i> | |
| 1999-2000 | Central Elementary School | Rhineland, WI |
| | <i>Special Education Teacher/Emotionally Disabled/Learning Disabled full inclusion grades 1-5</i> | |
| 1997-1999 | Garfield Elementary | Medina, OH |
| | <i>Special Education Teacher/Emotionally Disabled/Learning Disabled self-contained classroom grades K-2</i> | |

- Ackerman, K. B.** (2015). Meeting the mandate of 704 KAR 7:160 Restraint and seclusion. University of Kentucky Student Teaching Professional Seminar. Lexington, KY
- Ackerman, K. B.**, Sartini, E., and Crawford, D. (2015). Classroom management and visual supports for students with ASD. Teacher Professional Development. Montgomery County, KY.
- Ackerman, K. B.** (2014). Meeting the mandate of 704 KAR 7:160 Restraint and seclusion. University of Kentucky Student Teaching Professional Seminar. Lexington, KY
- Ackerman, K. B.** (2014). Using constant time delay to teach vocabulary graphic organizers to students with learning disabilities. Doctoral Student Research Symposium. Lexington, KY
- Ackerman, K. B.**, & Gibson, D. (2012). Survivor: Prezi island. Utilizing prezi and integrating technology into online and inseat classes. Midway University Faculty Professional Development. Midway, KY
- Ackerman, K. B.** (2010). Online professional development in pedagogy, classroom discussions, and rapport. Midway University Faculty Professional Development. Midway, KY
- Ackerman, K. B.**, Ricks, B., & Kendall, S. (2009). Critical thinking strategy integration across disciplines. Midway University Faculty Professional Development. Midway, KY

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: Publications

- Ault, M. J., Bausch, M. E., & **Ackerman, K. B.** (2017). How to Be an Advocate for Rural Issues: Working with State and National Legislators. *Rural Special Education Quarterly*. 1-6. doi: 10.1177/8756770517736018
- Ackerman, Kera B.**, "Examining the Efficacy of Co-Teaching at the Secondary Level: Special Educators' Perceptions of Their Productivity as Co-Teachers" (2017). *Theses and Dissertations--Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling*. 39. http://uknowledge.uky.edu/edsrc_etds/39. doi.org/10.13023/ETD.2017.078
- Rintamaa, M. & **Ackerman, K. B.** (February, 2016) Teaching collaboration collaborative: An evening of co-teaching. UK Communicator and Field Notes.

Under Review

Invited Book Chapter

- Ackerman, K. B.** (n.d.) *Interventions and supports for students in general education kindergarten classrooms*. Routledge Encyclopedia of Education. Routledge

In Preparation

- Ackerman, K. B.** & Spriggs, A. D. (n.d.). Peer mediators' use of systematic prompting to elicit social communication skills in students with disabilities.
- Ackerman, K. B.**, & McKenzie, R. G. (n.d.) Purposeful presence: Co-teaching to meet student needs.
- Ackerman, K. B.** & Allday, R. A. (n.d.) Comparison of token economy systems with and without response cost.
- Ackerman, K. B.** (n.d.) Using constant time delay to teach vocabulary graphic organizers to students with learning disabilities.
- Ackerman, K. B.**, Whitney, J. T., & Lingo, A. S. (n.d.). Assessing educators' knowledge and

perceived importance of evidence-based and high-leverage practices in reimagining educator preparation.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: Grants

- 2018-19 Kera Ackerman (PI)
IHE Special Education Consortium
Funded: \$52,406
Source: Kentucky Department of Education
- 2017-18 Kera Ackerman (PI) & Dr. Eve Proffitt (Grant manager)
Project TRREE
Funded: \$49,950
Source: Kentucky Department of Education
- 2016-17 Kera Ackerman (PI) & Dr. Eve Proffitt (Grant manager)
Project TRREE
Funded: \$99,897
Source: Kentucky Department of Education
- 2016-17 Kera Ackerman (PI)
Aspiring Special Educator Academy
Funded: \$10,000
Source: Kentucky Department of Education subaward through Project TRREE (Teacher Recruitment and Retention for Educational Excellence)
- 2015-16 Kera Ackerman (PI)
Aspiring Special Educator Academy
Funded: \$15,000
Source: Kentucky Department of Education subaward through Project TRREE (Teacher Recruitment and Retention for Educational Excellence)
- 2015 Kera Ackerman (PI) & Dr. Amy Spriggs (Co-PI)
Peer Mediators' Use of Systematic Instruction to Elicit Social Communication in Students with Autism
Wrote and submitted pre-proposal for \$30,000 grant.
Status: Reviewed and accepted for full proposal.
Wrote and submitted full proposal.
Status: Reviewed and not funded.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: Professional Development and Training

- 2016 Every Day Bias training, University of Kentucky, August, 2016
- 2016 Educators Rising Conference Boston, MA June 24, 2016-June 27, 2016
- 2016 CEEDAR Convening Washington DC June 22, 2016-June 24, 2016
- 2016 Persistence to Graduate Summit Lexington, KY June 16, 2016
- 2015 KTIP training on new PGES merger documents
- 2015 Attended job talk given by candidate Dr. Sarah Hawkins-Leer
- 2015 Attended job talk given by candidate Dr. Sally Shepley
- 2015 Attended job talk given by candidate Dr. Jordan Shurr
- 2013 Edmodo University Supervisor Co-Teaching Training, 16KAR 5:040
- 2013 CITI IRB Training

2013 Kentucky Behavior Institute
2012 Moodle Training: grade book, forums
2009 Critical Thinking Certification
2011 Professional Learning Community Professional Development
2011 Council for Exceptional Children Kentucky Conference
2011 Senate Bill 1 Professional Development
2009 Council for Exceptional Children Conference
2009 KTIP Discussion, University of Kentucky
2009 RtI Overview hosted by Central Kentucky Special Education Center
2009 Critical Thinking Training- Credentialed Faculty Member
2008 KTIP TPA twelve hour training as a teacher educator
2008 Electronic Advising Model Training
2008 Critical Thinking QEP Training
2008 Emotional IQ Training
2008 Campus Web for Midway University Training
2008 KACTE Summer Leadership Retreat
2008 Online Best Practices Assessments and Assignments offered by The Learning House
2008 Leadership Workshop
2008 Scholarly Work Workshop
2005 Differentiating Instruction Training
2005 Autism Training: Straight to the Strategies
2005 Assessment Training MAP, PAS, GRADE
2005 Social Skills Training
2004-2005 Medicaid Random Moment Form Training
2004-2005 Alternative Portfolio Training
2004 Reading First Summer Institute
2004 DIBELS Training
2004 GRADE Training
2004 Earobics Training
2004 Cultural Awareness Training
2003-2005 Read and Write Gold Training
2003 KTIP Committee Training as a resource teacher
2003 Curriculum Mapping Training
2002 CHAMPS Training
2002 Special Education Policies and Procedures Training
2002 ARC Meeting Procedures Training
2002 Data Collection Training
2002 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
2002-2004 Safe Crisis Management
2002 Bringing Out the Best in Students Behaving their Worst Workshop
2001 Hot Legal Issues in Special Education
2001 South Carolina Council for Children with Behavior Disorders Conference
2001 TEAM-based Evaluation and Assistance Model Training
2001 Tough Kid Workshop
1996 Bob Wack and ELR's Motivating the Unmotivated Workshop

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: Service**Service to the Profession: College**

- 2018 Developed asynchronous online course EDS 600
- 2017 Presented CEEDAR update at Supervisor Meeting 1/17/2017
- 2016 Presented “Teaching Collaboration Collaboratively” at Supervisor Meeting 4/19/2016
- 2013 Created Student Teaching University Supervisor Observation form aligned with KTIP and PGES
- 2013 Organized Partnership between Booker T Washington Academy and University of Kentucky for EDS 516 student data collection and BCBA practicum student observation
- 2012-2013 Interdisciplinary Collaboration with Arts and Humanities Colleagues to Re-align area of emphasis courses for undergraduate Teacher Education program
- 2012 Faculty Workload Committee, conducted research with colleagues on faculty workloads in private colleges nationwide
- 2012-2013 Committee member responsible for developing Master of Education, Teacher Leader program submission for accreditation
- 2012-2013 Realigned Continuous Assessment Plan and Checkpoint Policy
- 2012-2013 Realigned teacher education undergraduate degree requirements (committee member)
- 2012-2013 Realigned graduate initial certification program degree requirements (committee member)
- 2012 Diversity Workshop Committee member
- 2012 Advisory Board for Teacher Education
- 2012 Faculty Committee for SACS, Institutional Integrity
- 2012 Realigned online teacher education course rotation
- 2012 Revised the Undergraduate Teacher Education section of the College Catalog
- 2012 Faculty Workload Committee
- 2011-2013 Online course manager for all undergraduate Teacher Education online courses
- 2011-2013 Faculty Curriculum Committee Secretary
- 2011 Advisory Board for Teacher Education
- 2011 Developed rubrics for Continuous Assessment Plan Rejoinder
- 2011 Developed Online Rubrics for teacher education courses
- 2011 Committee member responsible for writing Program Folios for Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Learning and Behavior Disabilities programs
- 2010 Advisory Board for Teacher Education
- 2010 Meet and Greet and online advising face/face meetings
- 2010 Developed Master of Arts in Teaching syllabi for Learning and Behavior Disabilities courses program submission (committee member)
- 2010-2011 Online Instructor Mentor for new faculty
- 2009-2010 Realigned and revised all undergraduate Teacher Education syllabi
- 2009-2010 Served as Professional Studies Mentor (3 students)

- 2009 Meet and Greet for Online Students
- 2009 Teacher Education Preview Day
- 2009 Advisory Board for Teacher Education
- 2009 Taught 2 hour professional development for Midway University Student Teachers- Topic: Differentiated Instruction
- 2008-2013 Faculty Curriculum Committee member
- 2008 Interdisciplinary Collaboration with Psychology Department and Equine Department for Equine Assisted Learning majors taking EDU 321
- 2008 Interdisciplinary Collaboration with Colleagues using Assessment for Program Improvement
- 2008 Guest Speaker at University of Kentucky: Middle School Social Studies Methods Course Topic: Accommodations and Differentiated Instruction
- 2008 Taught 2 hour professional development for Midway University teacher education students – Topic: Differentiated Instruction
- 2008 Taught 2 hour professional development for University of Kentucky student teachers – Topic: Differentiated Instruction
- 2008 Taught 2 hour professional development for University of Kentucky student teachers – Topic: Helping All Kids Succeed
- 2008 Taught 2 hour professional development for Midway University student teachers- Topic: Helping All Kids Succeed
- 2008 Teach 21 ePortoflio representative from Midway University
- 2008 Implemented Health Matters for Students Kellogg Mini-grant in EDU 390
- 2005 Taught 2 hour professional development for University of Kentucky student teachers- Topic: IEPs and BIPs in the General Classroom
- 2004-2005 Cooperating Teacher for Georgetown College Practicum Students
- 2004-2005 Cooperating Teacher for University of Kentucky Practicum Students
- 2002 Mentored College Interns for University of South Carolina
- 2001 Cooperating Teacher for Student Teachers University of South Carolina
- 1999 Cooperating Teacher for Student Teachers University of Akron
- 1998 Cooperating Teacher for Student Teachers University of Akron
- 1997 Teacher Education Assembly for NCATE review University of Akron

Service to the Profession: Local

- 2018 Educators Rising at the University of Kentucky
- 2017-2018 KTIP Teacher Educator in Fayette County Public Schools, Henry Clay & Bryan Station High Schools
- 2015-2016 KTIP Teacher Educator in Fayette County Public Schools, Booker T Washington
- 2014-2015 KTIP Teacher Educator in Fayette County Public Schools, Booker T Washington
- 2013-2014 KTIP Teacher Educator in Fayette County Public Schools, Booker T Washington
- 2013 Served as judge for Invention Convention, Fayette County Public Schools, Rosa Parks Elementary
- 2012- 2013 KTIP Teacher Educator in Fayette County Public Schools, Booker T Washington, the Diocese of Fayette County, Christ the King, Woodford County Schools, Simmons and Southside Elementary Schools
- 2012 Coordinated Professional Development for Midway University and Rosa Parks Elementary faculty on KPREP assessment

- 2011-2012 KTIP Teacher Educator in Fayette County Public Schools, Booker T Washington and the Diocese of Fayette County, Christ the King
- 2010-2011 KTIP Teacher Educator in Fayette County Public Schools, James Lane Allen and Booker T Washington
- 2009-2010 KTIP Teacher Educator in Diocese of Fayette County, Christ the King
- 2008-2009 KTIP Teacher Educator in Diocese of Fayette County, Sts Peter/Paul and Seton Schools
- 2004-2005 Reading First Leadership Team, The Academy at Lexington
- 2003-2004 Resource Teacher for KTIP intern teacher, The Academy at Lexington
- 2003-2004 National Board Mentor (1 candidate)
- 2002 Instructed a mini-session for Richland District 2 teachers Columbia, South Carolina: Social Skills for Special Needs Students
- 2002 Extended School Service tutoring
- 2001 Richland District 2 Middle School Planning Team, curriculum alignment
- 2000-2002 Advisor Summit Parkway Middle School News Show
- 1997-1998 Garfield Elementary Extended Reading Program

Service to the Profession: State

- 2018 Reviewer for Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children Conference
- 2018 SPDG 2: Subcontract through HDI
- 2018 KEEP State Leadership Steering Committee Team Member
- 2017 KACTE-CEEDAR research team leader
- 2017 Presented CEEDAR update to IHE consortium, CTL, and KDE members 2-21-2017
- 2016 Task Force to Develop Career Pathways for Education: Frankfort, KY November 17, 2016
- 2016 Day on the Hill representative for the University of Kentucky: Frankfort, KY March 2, 2016
- 2015-present Reviewer for Kentucky Teacher Education Journal (KTEJ)
- 2013-present Representative for University of Kentucky to Institutes of Higher Education Consortium Meetings
- 2012-present Secretary, Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children Teacher Education Division
- 2012-2013 Representative for Midway University to Institutes of Higher Education Consortium Meetings

Service to the Profession: National

- 2018 Reviewer for TEACHING Exceptional Children (TEC)
- 2018 Higher Education Consortium for Special Education (HECSE) participant
- 2016 CEEDAR Representative for University of Kentucky
- 2016 Higher Education Consortium for Special Education (HECSE) graduate short course and summit; Washington DC January 18-22, 2016
- 2014 Reviewer for National Council for Exceptional Children Teacher Education Division conference
- 2013 Reviewer for NCUR National Conference on Undergraduate Research for special education abstracts

2010 PRAXIS II Review Session for Mild-Moderate Exam Integration
 2001 Standard Setting Study for the Assessments in the PRAXIS Series

Service to the Community

2015 Volunteer at District Science Fair; Fayette County Public Schools
 2015 Judge at elementary level science fair
 2012-present Faith Feeds Gleaning Volunteer
 2012-2014 SBDM member, Rosa Parks Elementary School
 2011-present Volunteer, Fayette County Public Schools
 2011-present Board Member, Treasurer, Harrods Hill Neighborhood Association
 2008-2011 Weekly volunteer Providence Montessori School
 2008 Daisy Girl Scout Troup #864
 2006-2008 Fundraising Committee Providence Montessori School
 2002 Project HOPE The Academy at Lexington
 2001-2002 Recreational volunteer for individual with disabilities living at Midlands
 Center of South Carolina
 2001 Recreational volunteer for individual with disabilities living at Lutheran
 Homes of South Carolina
 2001 Recreational volunteer for individual with disabilities living at Benzie
 Rice Home of South Carolina

Professional Organizations

Council for Exceptional Children

- Teacher Education Division

 American Council on Rural Special Education
 KATE
 KACTE- K-KEEP Committee
 KEEP State Leadership Team

Awards

2017 Blackhurst Student Research Endowment
 \$1500.00
 2017 Nietzel Visiting Distinguished Faculty Program Award
 \$1500.00