

Kari B. Chiasson

Education

Master of Science, August 1985
Major: Special Education
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
Certification in Early Childhood Special Education
North Dakota Teaching Credential
Minnesota Teaching Credential in process

Bachelor of Science, December 1981
Majors: Special Education/Elementary Education
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
Certifications: Visually Impaired/Educable Mentally Handicapped

Professional Experience

University of North Dakota

Faculty, 2000-

Early Childhood Special Education and Visual Impairment Areas

Grand Forks Public Schools

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, 1999-2000

- *Classroom setting with integrated peers
- *Develop Individualized Education Programs
- *Coordinate and implement goals and objectives in a team atmosphere
- *Supervise paraprofessionals in classroom setting
- *Supervise early childhood special education students

Vision Consultant Preschool-age students

- *Complete monthly vision screenings through the selective screen process
- *Provide vision services to students

University of North Dakota, Department of Teaching and Learning

Instructor, 1990-current

Courses taught:

- *Identification of Assessment of Young Children with Special Needs
- *Working with Young Families of Young Children with Special Needs
- *Methods and Materials in Early Childhood Special Education
- *Low Vision Assessment and Remediation

North Dakota School for the Blind

Parent Infant Program Coordinator, August 1987-1999

- *Complete functional vision evaluations on children ages birth-six years
- *Provide in-home instruction to parents and extended family members
- *Provide consultation services to Infant Development and Preschool staff
- *Complete vision screening (birth-six years)
- *Provide in service training
- *North Dakota School for the Blind Family Team Leader
- *Supervise vision practicum students

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

Instructor, May 1992-March 1994

- *Provide on-going workshops to child-care providers on integrating young children with special needs into their programs

North Dakota School for the Blind

Preschool Special Needs Classroom Teacher, August 1986-May 1987

- *Develop Individualized Education Programs
- *Coordinate and Implement goals and objectives
- *Complete functional vision evaluations
- *Supervise paraprofessionals and field experience students

North Dakota School for the Blind

Daily Living Skills Teacher, August 1985-May 1986

- *Develop Individualized Education Programs for students ages 3-21
- *Work with residential staff to implement daily living skills objectives

Services for the Visually Impaired, Grand Forks, ND

North Dakota Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation

Communications Instructor, December 1980-August 1985

- *Evaluated and taught braille and keyboarding to newly blinded adults
- *Evaluated low vision and taught use of low technical vision aids

Related Experience/Training

Family to Family Network of North Dakota
Trained as a support parent, Spring 2000

International Parent to Parent Conference
Reno, Nevada May 2000

North Dakota Early Intervention Institute
1996, 1997, 1998, 1999

Developing Capable People Instructor, April, 1996

Section 504/ADA Train the Trainer, October, 1995

Sharon Lutheran Church, Grand Forks
Church School Teacher Preschool Age Children

Organizations

Phoenix Elementary School PTO member
North Dakota Education Association
North Dakota Association of the Blind