

Resume

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Educational Background

- Ed.D.** January 2008 to April 2014
Educational Leadership for Teaching and Learning
 Study Title: *The Effects of Dual Language Program Infrastructure on Literacy Development.*
 Dissertation Chair: Kim Nisbett
 Walden University
 Minneapolis, MN
- M.A.** September 2000 to May 2003
Educational Administration
 New Mexico State University
 Las Cruces, NM
- M.Ed.** June 1999 to December 2000
Bilingual Education with an Emphasis in the Dual Language Program
 The University of Texas at El Paso
 El Paso, TX
- B.A.** September 1989 to June 1993
International Relations
 Alliant University/United States International University
 San Diego, CA

Certifications

Texas Professional Standard Principal (EC-12th) - Current
 Texas Provisional Elementary Bilingual/ESL (PK-6th)-Lifetime Certification
 Texas Provisional Elementary Self-Contained (PK-6th)-Lifetime Certification
 New Mexico Mid-Management (EC-12th) – Expired in 2012

Professional Employment History

District Bilingual/Dual Language/ ESL and LOTE Director (2018-present)

DeSoto, TX 75115

Adjunct Professor (2021-present)

Conway, AR 72035

Adjunct Professor (2014-2017)

Portland, OR 97211

District K-12 Bilingual/Dual Language/ ESL Coordinator (2016- 2018)

Irving, TX 75062

District K-12 ELL/Dual Language/LOTE Spanish Coordinator (2014- 2016)

Richardson, TX 75081

Assistant Principal (2008- 2014)

Keller, TX 76248

Assistant Principal (2005- 2008)

El Paso, TX 79936

New Teacher Mentor (2007- 2008)

El Paso, TX 79936

Dual Language Teacher (2000- 2005)

El Paso, TX 79907

Bilingual Teacher (1996- 2000)

El Paso, TX 79928

Awards and Honors

Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program: Selected to travel to Japan to exchange educational insights between Japanese and American teachers; October 2002.

People to People International Student Exchange Program: Selected to travel to England and the Netherlands as a soccer team coordinator/chaperone; June 2004.

University of Texas at El Paso-Received full scholarship to complete a master degree in Bilingual Education by Dr. Josefina Tinajero, Dean of College of Education, CBTL Program, 1999-2000.

People to People International High School Student Exchange: Selected to travel the former U.S.S.R, Sweden and Finland to promote cultural understanding between Soviet and American high school students; June 1989.

Conference Presentations

Castañón, H.C. (October 2003).

Education in Japan, an informational conference presented at BEEMS, Bilingual Educators Emphasizing Multicultural Settings, El Paso, TX.

Castañón, H.C. (October 2004).

Education in Japan, an informational conference presented at NABE, National Bilingual Education National Association of Bilingual Education Conference: Albuquerque, NM.

Álvarez, R., Castañón, H.C., Molina, M., Rangel, R., (October 2004).

Integrating Technology in the Classroom, an informational conference presented at CABE, California Association of Bilingual Educators National Association of Bilingual Education Conference: San Diego, CA.

Presented Professional Development to Faculty and Staff on the following topics:

- Marzano's Instruction that Works
- State assessment: STAAR, STAAR-M, STAAR-Alt, TELPAS
- LPAC
- 504
- ARD Documentation
- Communication with Parents
- Discipline
- Web-based Collaboration Sites
- V.E.S.T.E.D.
- Continuous Improvement
- Bilingual Topics

Professional service to the Field of Education

July 2023-July 2024

Former President, Bilingual/ESL Educator Association of the Metroplex

July 2022-July 2023

President, Bilingual/ESL Educator Association of the Metroplex

July 2020-July 2022

President Elect, Bilingual/ESL Educator Association of the Metroplex

January 2014 to Date

- Alignment of Course Objectives, Language Acquisition, with TASC Model Core Teaching Standards, M.Ed. program, College of Education, Concordia University - Portland, 2014

June 2005-October 2013

- Texas Education Agency Teacher STAAR, TAKS, TELPAS, and RPTE; Educator Item Analysis Committee Member.