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Education	Ph. D.-Special Education, Southern A&M University Master of Education, University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette) Bachelor of Arts-Political Science, Louisiana Tech University Certified-Social Studies-Secondary Certified-Special Education-Mild/Moderate-Grades 1-12
Teaching Philosophy	<p>I grew up in a family of educators and consequently have always been exposed to the profession of teaching. My grandfather taught at the university level as a professor in psychology, my father also taught at the university level as a professor in education, and my mother taught at the high school level in English. I noticed from early on the enjoyment they gathered from working with students and guiding students to a certain destination. With these background experiences I knew that I also wanted to be able to make a difference in a person's life and that teaching was the means to accomplish that goal.</p> <p>My field of teaching differed from my parents and many others in that I went into special education. My experiences as a classroom teacher have definitely paid off in teaching special education courses at the university level. While I have taught many courses in the College of Education the majority of courses I teach are in the area of special education at the graduate and undergraduate level. I</p>

	<p>believe with my real world knowledge in these areas lends to a sense of credibility to my student’s minds. My students realize that I “have been there, done that” and what information and knowledge I want them to possess will truly benefit them as teachers. My students come to understand the importance but also the complexity of working with students with exceptionalities.</p> <p>In teaching my classes, I start with a more teacher led approach but welcome and encourage student participation. I attempt to engage the class in discussions and also promote higher order questioning/thinking activities. Unfortunately, these activities have to be somewhat limited due to the fact of a limited amount of time to address all course objectives.</p> <p>I realize that in directing the instructional content it is imperative that I try to utilize various techniques to meet the needs of visual, tactile, auditory learners. To meet these needs I use PowerPoint and the internet for visual learners, lectures for auditory learners, and manipulatives for the tactile learners.</p>
<p>Bio</p>	<p>Dr.Beasley’s professional career started a little later than most people. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he worked for a few years in the oil field and had his own business. During this time he received his Bachelors degree.</p> <p>While working on his Masters degree in Political Science, he started his teaching career. Dr. Beasley soon switched to Education and received his Masters in Education. Over the next two decades, he continued teaching Special Education in the public schools. He accepted a position at USL (now UL Lafayette) as an Instructor teaching a wide variety of courses. Dr. Beasley was also pursuing a Ph.D. in Special Education during this time, eventually completing it in 2012.</p>
<p>Courses Taught</p>	<p>SPED 391-Foundations of Inclusive Education SPED 426-Pre-Vocational and Elementary Transition Planning SPED 436-Vocational and Secondary Transition Planning SPED 468-Content Area Intervention for Students with Disabilities SPED 472-Theories and Practice for Secondary Level Behavioral Interventions SPED 482-Theories and Practice for Elementary Level Behavioral Interventions SPED 492-Classroom Management of Students with Disabilities SPED 511-Mathematics Interventions for Students with Disabilities</p>

	<p>SPED 540-Technology in Special Education SPED 451/452-Supervision of Student Interns SPED 451/452-Supervision of Student Interns</p>
Research Interests	Teacher Efficacy
Teaching Experience	<p>Teacher (Special Education Severe/Profound Mental Disabilities) Lafayette High School Lafayette, Louisiana 1994-1997</p> <p>Teacher (Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities) Church Point High School Church Point, Louisiana 1991-1994</p> <p>Graduate Assistant Department of Political Science University of Southwestern Louisiana Lafayette, La. 1985-1987</p>
Publications	
Presentations	<p>2016 Annual Meeting: Celebrating 60 Years of Educational Research Louisiana Education Research Association <i>An Exploration of the Efficacy Beliefs of Special Education Teachers Completing Alternative and Traditional Certification Programs</i> 2016</p> <p>2016 Annual Meeting: Investigating Today to Improve Education Tomorrow Mid-South Educational Research Association <i>Efficacy Beliefs of Special Education Teachers Completing an Alternative Certification Program and Special Education Teachers Completing a Traditional Certification Program.</i></p>
Grants	
Conferences Attended	<p>2016 Annual Meeting: Celebrating 60 Years of Educational Research Louisiana Education Research Association</p> <p>2016 Annual Meeting: Investigating Today to Improve Education Tomorrow Mid-South Educational Research Association</p>

Professional Memberships	Council for Exceptional Children Autism Society of Acadiana
Awards	University of Louisiana at Lafayette Outstanding Advisor Award 2009 and 2012
Additional Skills	
Dissertation	<p>An Analysis of the Efficacy Beliefs of Special Education Teachers Completing the Alternative Versus the Traditional Certification Programs (2012)</p> <p>This study investigated the efficacy beliefs of two groups of special education teachers who had completed certification requirements in mild/moderate disabilities. The first group included 26 special education teachers who had completed an alternative certification program at a midsize public university in Louisiana between 2003 and 2008. The second group included 21 special education teachers who had completed a traditional certification program at the same midsize university in Louisiana during the same time frame.</p> <p>Advisor-Atley Walker, Ph.D.</p>
Other Professional Experience	<p>Work with the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office Education Program.</p> <p>Member of the Lafayette Parish School Board 2007-2014</p>
Service	<p>University of Louisiana LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone) Program Advisory Board Member.</p> <p>Board Member and Treasurer-Autism Society of Acadiana.</p> <p>Special Olympics</p> <p>Lafayette Education Foundation</p>