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EDUCATION

EdD, University of West Florida. Major: Instructional Design and Technology. 2023.
Dissertation: *Service Improvement of the Media Center and Media Specialist*. Advisor:
Minkyong Kim, Ph.D.

EdS, Piedmont College. Major: Curriculum and Instruction. 2018.

MEd, Columbus State University. Major: School Library Media. 2009.

BS Ed, Columbus State University. Major: Early Childhood Education. Minor: Music
Education. 2001.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of West Georgia - Carrollton, Georgia 2025 - Present

Limited-Term Instructor

Department of Educational Technology & Foundations

Instructional Technology and School Librarianship

- Courses Taught:
 - MEDT 7476: Assessing Learning in Technology-Enhanced Instruction
 - MEDT 7461: Instructional Design K-12 Environments

University of West Georgia - Carrollton, Georgia - 2024 - 2025

Department of Educational Technology & Foundations

Instructional Technology

- Courses Taught:
 - MEDT 7476: Assessing Learning in Technology-Enhanced Instruction
 - MEDT 7464: Designing Technology-Enhanced Instruction

Harris County School District - Hamilton, Georgia - 2009 - 2025

Media Specialist

- Opened the media center with the opening of the school and established the foundational collection.
- Worked to improve the media center. Used the Human Performance Technology model to collect and analyze data related to an area of improvement within the media program. Conducted research, used Qualtrics to gather survey data, facilitated focus groups, and interviewed subject matter experts. The data were analyzed using In Vivo Splitter Coding and SPSS.
- After analyzing the data, performed a gap analysis. Once the critical gaps were identified, researched and designed appropriate interventions for implementation. After implementation, conducted full-scope evaluation methods, which provided the necessary information about the success of the interventions. Determining the outcomes of the interventions allowed for a tailored approach to interventions for increased success and create a plan for further improvement.

Additional Role Descriptions

- Led the Media Committee
- Organized and maintained 1:1 Chromebook initiative
- Designed and provided ongoing professional development for faculty and staff
- Designed and provided custom co-teaching experiences for faculty
- Responsible for marketing and budgeting for the media program
- Researched the current curriculum standards and provided current resources to support faculty and staff.
- Taught robotics/programming/coding lessons during connections classes (Scratch, Sphero, and Wigglebots)
- Organized and coached 1st Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl team

Muscogee County School District - Columbus, Georgia - 2004 - 2009

Media Specialist and 4th Grade Teacher

- Organized and led live morning broadcast
- Maintained books, resources, catalog, and digital management system
- Researched and ordered up-to-date and relevant resources for teachers and students
- Taught 4th Grade Math, Science, and Social Studies
- Organized 1st Science Olympiad Team
- Implemented annual water-rocket day for 3rd-5th grades

- Created relevant lesson plans following curriculum standards

Troup County School District – LaGrange, Georgia – 2002-2004

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Teacher

- Taught all subjects in Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Committees and Clubs

- Media Committee- Chair
- District Technology Committee
- District Calendar Committee
- STEAM Leadership Team
- School-Wide Read Committee
- Yearbook Advisor
- Georgia Movie Academy
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Hurtt, J.B., & Kim, M. (under contract, 2025). Service improvement of the media specialist, media program, and media center: An Action research study. In Azukas, M.E., & Tamim, S.(Eds.), *Transformative inquiry: Integrating action research and systems thinking, Contemporary perspectives through action research across educational disciplines*.(pp.). Myers Education Press.

Hurtt, J. B. (2024, March). *Service improvement of the media center and media specialist* [Conference session]. The 55th Georgia conference on children's literature, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Hurtt, J.B. (2023, November). *Easy ways to improve and market your media center* [Conference session]. Georgia Educational Technology Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Hurtt, J. B. & Rodgers, B. A., (2018, November). *Collaboration between the media specialist and English language arts* [Conference session]. Georgia Educational

CERTIFICATIONS

Georgia Educator Certificate

T7 Certification - 439520

- School Librarian (FLD813)
- Curriculum and Instruction (FLD902)
- Elementary Education (FLD808)
- Engineering and Technology (FLD769)
- Computer Science Endorsement (FLD882)
- Reading Endorsement (FLD833)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2023 – Present: International Society for Performance Improvement- Gulf Coast Chapter