

April Crutcher

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Doctoral Candidate in Special Education

Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX. Spring 2024.

Teacher Certification Program

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX. Fall 2005.

Master of Education in Early Childhood Special Education

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. August 2001. GPA: 3.6.

Bachelor of Science in Human Development with an Emphasis on Child Development

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. December 1999. GPA: 3.7, Magna Cum Laude graduate.

Educational Diagnostician, EC-12, 5/1/2024 - 4/30/2030.

Classroom Teacher, Special Education EC-12, 5/1/2024 - 4/30/2030.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Special Education Program Coordinator

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas. August 2024 - present.

Instructor of Special Education

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas. August 2023 - present.

- Instruct and guide college students through specialized coursework related to special education.
- Responsible for delivering engaging lectures, facilitating discussions, designing curriculum, evaluating student performance, and contributing to the overall development of the special education program.
- Work directly with graduate students seeking an Educational Diagnostician certification by overseeing the practicum course and completing required observations.

Educational Diagnostician

West Wichita County Cooperative, Kamay, Texas. March 2020 - present.

- Serve as a member of students' interdisciplinary team responsible for initial and ongoing psycho-educational assessment.
- Work collaboratively with other assessment personnel to make ARD committee recommendations concerning eligibility for special education services.
- Provide input to the ARD committee regarding student's academic strengths and weaknesses based on psycho-educational testing.
- Provide ongoing consultative services to campus personnel and parents regarding student's educational needs.

SPED Evaluation Coordinator

Wichita Falls ISD, Wichita Falls, TX. July 2017 - March 2020.

- Provided oversight of the special education assessment processes.
- Assigned, supervised, monitored, and reviewed the progress and accuracy of the work performed by the educational diagnosticians.
- Worked collaboratively with campus and district staff to assess the educational and program needs of students who qualify for special education services.

Educational Diagnostician

Wichita Falls ISD, Wichita Falls, TX. August 2016 - July 2017.

- See description above.

Educational Diagnostician

Clay-Jack Shared Service Arrangement, Henrietta, Texas. August 2013 - June 2016.

- See description above.

Educational Diagnostician

Wichita Falls ISD, Wichita Falls, TX. August 2007 - June 2013.

- See description above.

Special Education Teacher K-12

Archer City ISD, Archer City, TX. August 2005 - May 2007.

- Assessed student skills to determine appropriate curriculum and instruction.
- Developed Individualized Education Plans to meet the specific needs of students.
- Implemented IEPs.
- Provided continuous monitoring of progress to ensure maximum student achievement.

Early Intervention Specialist - Early Childhood Intervention

North Texas Rehabilitation Center, Wichita Falls, TX. January 2000 - June 2005.

- Identified and participated in the development, implementation and monitoring of developmental intervention plans for children ages birth to three with special needs.
- Provided families with information, skills, and support related to enhancing the development of their child.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

SPED 3523 - Introduction to Individuals with Disabilities, Online. (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

SPED 3623 - Teaching Students with Special Needs in an Inclusive Setting, In-person. (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

EDUC 2013 - School and Society, In-person. (Spring 2024)

GRADUATE COURSES

SPED 6943 - Practicum in Special Education, Online. (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

SPED 6633 - Vocational/Motor/Tech Assess, Online. (Summer 2024, Summer 2025)

SPED 6233 - Vocational/Motor/Tech Assess, Non-Texas Cert, Online. (Summer 2024, Summer 2025)

SPED 6613 - Individual Assessment I, Online. (Summer 2025)

SPED 6623 - Individual Assessment II, Online. (Summer 2025)

SPED 6963 - Ethics and Practice Standards in SPED, Online. (Summer 2025)

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

Barnard, E., & Crutcher, A.W. (2023, February 14-16). *The early childhood leadership cohort of Wichita County: Creating high-quality early childhood programs for all children* [Conference session]. Southwest Educational Research Association Conference, Arlington, TX, USA.

Barnard, E., & Crutcher, A.W. (2024, September 17-20). *Adapting the physical, social, and temporal environment for children with disabilities* [Poster presentation]. Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA.

Crutcher, A. W., & Barnard, E. (2025, February 3-5). *What changes to developmental delay policy means for districts* [Conference session]. Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education Great Ideas Convention, Austin, TX, USA.

Crutcher, A. W., & Barnard, E. (2025, February 20-22). *Developmental delay assessment and identification* [Conference session]. Texas Educational Diagnostician Association Conference, Irving, TX, USA.

Crutcher, A. W., & Barnard, E. (2025, March 20-22). *Recognizing developmental delay in the early childhood setting* [Conference session]. Southern Early Childhood Association Conference, Houston, TX, USA.

Invited

Crutcher, A.W. (2023, February 24). *Inclusive early childhood classrooms* [Virtual presentation]. Texas Association for the Education of Young Children - Denton Chapter Virtual Workshop, Denton, Tx, USA.

Crutcher, A.W. (2023, November 1). *Adapting the physical, social, and temporal environment for children with special needs*. Lunch and Learn - Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Tx, USA.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Barnard, E., and Crutcher, A.W., Green, B., Conner, L. (2025, April). *Factors impacting education students' choice to attend MSU*. EURECA Project. Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Tx, USA.

SERVICE

MSU Outstanding Student Awards Selection Committee

- Member, Spring 2025

MSU WCOE College Council

- Member, Fall 2024 - present

MSU WCOE Scholarship Committee

- Member, Fall 2023 - present

MSU WCOE Advanced Programs Advisory Council - SPED

- Chair, Spring 2025 - present

MSU WCOE Advanced Programs Advisory Council - SPED

- Member, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

MSU Library Committee

- Member, Fall 2023 - present

ARC of Wichita County

- Board Member, September 2024 - present