

## LYNN KNIGHT

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### EDUCATION

University of South Florida  
**Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, Special Education, Cognate: Child and Family Policies** 2003  
Dissertation: The experience of staying: A phenomenological study of special education teachers' resiliency  
Honors: Cathy Lynn Richardson Endowed Doctoral Scholarship Award

University of South Florida  
**M.S. in Education Leadership and Administration** 1994

University of South Florida  
**B.S. in Special Education with Elementary Education certification** 1987  
Honors: USF Outstanding Senior Award, 1987; SCATT

Hillsborough Community College  
**A.A. in Liberal Arts** 1984  
Honors: President of the Student Government, Brandon Campus

### ADDITIONAL AWARDS/HONOR SOCIETIES

Kappa Delta Pi Scholarship Award 1993 & 1994  
Hillsborough Community College and HCC Foundation, Distinguished Alumni Award 1987  
Hillsborough Community College Leadership Award and Scholarship 1984 - 1985  
Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Theta Kappa, SCATT & Golden Key

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Phoenix**  
**Advanced Online Instructor and Faculty Intern Supervisor** 2004 - current  
Action Research courses within all graduate programs, M.S. in Education and Internship Supervision

**EC Teacher/Virtual Facilitator**  
**Turning Point Academy**  
Full time teaching/facilitator position of students in EC with virtual/online courses 2011-current

**Academic Facilitator**  
**Hawthorne High School**  
Full time position working with at-risk students in classroom and online/virtual 2011 [April-June]

**Homebound/Special Populations Teacher and Coordinator**  
**Hawthorne High School**  
Part-time support for classroom teachers and students in homebound program [504, EC]  
Coordinate services, home visits to students to deliver books and classroom, teaching and testing 2010-2011

**Special Education Teacher****Hawthorne High School****2009 -2010**

Teaching part-time for urban school in special education and as a homebound teacher for the teen mother program

**Special Education Teacher****Coulwood Middle School****2008 - 2009**

Inclusion and resource teacher, Language Arts, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Special Education Teacher****Derita Alternative School [now Turning Point Academy]****2007-2008**

Self Contained and resource teacher for adjudicated and at-risk high school students, taught all academic subjects

**Assistant Professor, Special Education & Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Ed.S. Program****Converse College, Spartanburg, SC.****Fall 2004- June 2007**

Administrative duties for the Ed.S. program. Taught undergraduate and graduate students in special education, elementary and secondary, supervised internships, faculty advisor for Kappa Delta Epsilon and Student Chapter of CEC

**Adjunct Professor****South Carolina State University, Department of South Carolina****2005 [one course]****CREATE Program for out-of-field teachers, Assessment and Evaluation course**

Taught graduate educators in special education using both studio and satellite/Blackboard

**Adjunct Professor and Graduate Research Assistant****1996-2004****University of South Florida**

During doctoral program: Florida Mental Health Institute as a graduate assistant on research grant, taught full-time in special education undergraduate, graduate courses for all campuses and special projects  
After degree: Taught for Greater Tampa Bay Special Education Consortium for out-of-field teachers  
Taught graduate educators in special education using both studio and satellite/Blackboard

**Special Education Teacher****2003-2004****Riverview High School, Learning Disabilities**

Reading and social personal courses for all students with learning and emotional disabilities

**Assistant Professor, Director of Special Education Program & Internship Director 2000 -2003****Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL**

Started as the Internship Director, returned after degree to tenure-track, assistant professor and director  
Taught undergraduate, special education students, advisor and supervisor for internships

**OTHER TEACHER RELATED EXPERIENCES**

**Educational Consultant and Trainer**, Owned and Operated a Reading and Brain Training Co. 1999-2005  
**Hillsborough County School Board and FDLRS**

Project Manager and researcher for portfolio alternative assessment project with Lopez Exceptional Center  
 Trainer for EC teachers on alternative assessment and portfolio, Alternative assessment trainer  
 Cognitive Brain Trainer for PACE and Phono-Graphix Programs

**Hillsborough County School Board****GED Teacher, Adult Education Program**

Just Elementary Full Service School 1/98 – 8/98  
 Faulkenburg and Orient Road Jail 5/94 – 4/98

**Special Education and Alternative Education Teacher**

Burney Simmons Alternative School, APESE Program 8/98 – 5/99  
 Sheriffs Juvenile Correction Program, Alternative Education 8/95 -12/95  
 Intensive Day Treatment Program 1/95 – 8/95  
 Eisenhower Middle School, Behavior Disorders and Alternative Education 1/88-12/94

**Coordinator, Assistant Principal, Alternative Education Juvenile Justice Program 12/95 -11/97**

**Pre-Employment/Work Skills Instructor Summer 91 & 92**

**OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Program Reviewer [South Carolina]  
 AVID/ Advancement via Individual Determination  
 All Kinds of Minds: Generalist and Secondary Training  
 NovaNet and APEX Trained  
 Licensed Massage and Bodywork Therapist in NC; Advanced Craniosacral Therapist  
 Red Cross CPR and First Aid Certified

**PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

*The Experience of Staying: A Phenomenological Study of Special Education Teachers' Resiliency*  
 Dissertation, University of South Florida, FL 2003

**PRESENTATIONS**

Knight, L. & Bulluck, B. "Increasing Academic Success for Virtual Students in EC", Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement, (March, 2012)

Knight, L. & Bulluck, B. "Increasing Academic Success for Virtual Students in EC", North Carolina, Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Mini-Grant Winner/Poster Session, (Feb, 2012)

Knight, L. & Maguire, K., "The Mind, Energy, and How to Maximize Learning: Beyond the Diagnosis", South Carolina Early Intervention Conference, (October, 2007)

Knight, L. Updated Information about Special Education in South Carolina, Columbia, SC. (Fall, 2006)

Knight, L. Teacher Self-Renewal: How to Avoid Burn-out. Local Spartanburg Chapter, Council for Exceptional Children and Community (Fall, 2006)

Knight, L. Staying in the Field from Front-line Veteran Teachers in Special Education: Implications for Retention. South Carolina State Conference Council for Exceptional Children. North Charleston, SC (2005, January)

Knight, L. Mosaic Art Project for Students with Emotional Disabilities. State Conference for Council for Exceptional Children, Behavior Disorders, Columbia, SC (Fall, 2004)

Knight, L. Experiential Education and Youth with Disabilities: Therapeutic Uses of Adventure, (2004, February), Pathfinders Experiential Outdoor Education Programs

Knight, L. Hillsborough County Portfolio Committee & Lopez Portfolio Pilot Committee (2000, November), *Florida Inclusion Network* state conference presentation on the development of a prototype portfolio assessment system for students with moderate to more severe disabilities

Knight, L. Hillsborough County Portfolio Committee, Lopez Exceptional Portfolio Pilot Committee (2000, May), *Alternate Assessment and IDEA: Exploring Best Practice*, State conference presentation on the development of a prototype portfolio assessment system for students with moderate to more severe disabilities

Knight, L. (1999, fall) Professional Day presentation on portfolio assessment for students with severe/ profound disabilities, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, FL

Knight, L. (1999, October), *Mosaic Community Project*, Poster presentation at the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders National Conference, Denton, TX

Duchnowski, A.J. Kutash, K., Calvanese, P.K. Rivera, V.R., Oliveria, B., Black, M.M. & Knight, L. (1999, April), *The School and Community Study: Measurement of Restructuring and Reform in Public Schools*, Poster presentation at the Council for Exceptional Children National Conference, Charlotte, NC

Duchnowski, A.J. Kutash, K., Calvanese, P.K. Rivera, V.R., Oliveria, B., Black, M.M. & Knight, L. (1999, April), *The School and Community Study: Measurement of Restructuring and Reform in Public Schools*, Poster presentation at the National Conference on Research and Services in Support of Children and Their Families, Building on Family Strengths, Portland, OR

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and North Carolina Chapter  
CEC Teacher Education Division  
International Association for K-12 Online Learning (INACOL)