

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

EdD 2019 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Educational Leadership
MEd 2011 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Educational Administration
MA 2007 University of Nebraska-Omaha, Early Childhood Education
BA 2004 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Early Childhood Education Unified

CERTIFICATIONS

Nebraska Professional Administrative Certificate – Superintendent PK-12
Nebraska Professional Teaching Certificate - Principal Pre-K to Grade 8, Special Education Generalist Pre-K to Grade 8, Early Childhood Unified Pre-Primary to Grade 3

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Assistant Professor of Practice, Early Childhood Special Education/Early Intervention,
Early Childhood Special Education Program Advisor/Coordinator, August 2022 - Present**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders

Interim Early Childhood Special Education Program Advisor/Coordinator and Instructor, January 2022 - Present
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders

Master of Education Instructor, 2020 - 2022
Northwestern College
Department of Education

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Professional Development Trainer/Consultant, 2019 – Present
Teaching Strategies, LLC.

Executive Director, 2017-2020
Omaha Early Learning Centers, Inc.

Special Education Supervisor, 2012 – 2017
Omaha Public Schools
Early Childhood Special Education/Early Intervention

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, 2009 – 2012

Omaha Public Schools
Saddlebrook Elementary

Kindergarten Teacher, 2004 - 2009

Omaha Public Schools
Catlin Arts Magnet

COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Inclusion in Early Childhood Classrooms, College of Saint Mary, 2017, 2018
Early Childhood Special Education Methods, College of Saint Mary, 2017, 2018
Supervision of Field Experiences in Birth-Grade 3 Inclusive Settings, College of Saint Mary, 2017, 2018
Elementary Student Teacher Supervision, Doane University, 2020, 2021
PreK- 8th Grade Practicum Supervisor, Doane University, 2020, 2021
Introduction to Exceptional Children, Doane University, 2021
Early Intervention, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2023

Graduate

Advanced Language and Literacy in Early Childhood, College of Saint Mary, 2018
Documentation in Early Childhood, College of Saint Mary, 2018
Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Practicum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
Science and Math in Early Childhood, Northwestern College, 2019, 2020, 2021
Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners, Northwestern College, 2019, 2020, 2021
Beginning Teacher Seminar, Doane University, 2020, 2021
Reading in K-3 Classroom, Doane University, 2021
Early Childhood Special Education Student Teaching Supervision, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2022, 2023
Infants with Disabilities and Home Visiting, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2022, 2023
Severe and Multiple Disabilities, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2022, 2023
Preschool Children with Disabilities, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2022, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Sturgeon, J. (2019). *Perceptions of the impact of early childhood teacher turnover on social emotional skills and classroom climate: A qualitative examination.* AAI27667429.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Sturgeon, J. (May, 2023). *Focus on Leadership: Empowering and Supporting ECD Professionals.* Co-presenter with Charito Jones, Rajeswary Elangoven, & Abena Ocran-Jackson, World Forum on Early Care and Education, Panama City, Panama.

Sturgeon, J. (April, 2021). *Inclusion of children with challenging behaviors in early childhood programs.* A Celebration of Research, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA

Sturgeon, J. (May, 2019). *Best practices for inclusion in head start/early head start.* Region 7 Head Start Regional Conference, Overland Park, KS

Sturgeon, J. (April, 2019). *Professionalizing and supporting early educators at all levels*. Co-presenter with Rhian Evans Allvin & Swati Popat Vats, World Forum on Early Care and Education, Macao, China

Sturgeon, J. (May, 2017). *It takes time: Home visiting and relationship building*.

National Early Childhood Leadership Conference, Chicago, IL

Sturgeon, J. (December, 2016). *Building relationships with families living in crisis: A poster presentation*, Zero to Three Conference, New Orleans, LA

Sturgeon, J. (April, 2016). *Enhancing home visiting strategies to build meaningful relationships with families living in crisis*, Young Child Expo and Conference, New York City, NY

Sturgeon, J. (April, 2016). *Nebraska's early development network: An introduction to early childhood intervention*. Co-presenter with Jacqui Lucas, Nebraska Academy of Physicians Assistants, Kearney, NE

Sturgeon, J. (October, 2014). *Inclusion of disabilities in early childhood settings: A graduate student presentation*, Division for Early Childhood Conference on Young Children with Special Needs, St. Louis, MO

FUNDED GRANTS

Primary Investigator

2018 *Creche Childhood Education Fund*, Funded by Omaha Community Foundation (Award: \$25,000)

2012-2017 *Planning Region Team Grant (PRT)*, Funded by the Nebraska Department of Education (Award: \$40,000 annually)

Co-Investigator

2019 *Early Head Start Childcare Partnership Expansion Grant*, Funded by Administration for Children & Families (Award: \$1,008,220)

2017-2019 *Nebraska Sixpence*, Funded by Sixpence Early Learning Fund (Award: \$534,040 annually)

2018 *Education Support Grant*, Funded by the Sunderland Foundation (Award: \$100,000)

TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS

Teaching Strategies, LLC. National Coach and Trainer

Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) PreK Assessor

Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) K-3 Assessor

Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS-3) Assessor

Zero to Three: The Growing Brain From Birth to Five Years Old Certified Trainer

Routines Based Interview (RBI) Early Intervention Certification

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Exchange Leader, Childcare Exchange Leadership Initiative, 2021

Nonprofit Executive Institute Participant, Nonprofit Association of the Midlands, 2019

Omaha Public Schools LAUNCH Leadership Graduate, 2012