

Connie B. Melder is an Instructor for the College of Education at NSU. Her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education is from LSU in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Melder received her Master's of Special Education degree from NSU, and she is currently pursuing a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction.

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Education

Master of Education + 30, Northwestern State University of Louisiana,
Natchitoches, Louisiana, 1984, Special Education
Bachelor's of Arts, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1976,
Elementary Education

Certification and Eligibility

Elementary Education
Supervision of Student Teaching
Deaf Education
Special Education

Professional Work Experience

Instructor, College of Education, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches,
Louisiana, August 2001-present.
Instructor (Adjunct), College of Education, Northwestern State University,
Natchitoches, Louisiana, 1997-2001.
Supervising Teacher, Language Arts, Reading, and Social Studies, Northwestern
State University Middle Laboratory School, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 1985-2001.
Classroom Teacher, Hearing Impaired Program, Natchitoches Parish School
Board, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 1979-1985.
Classroom Teacher, North Natchitoches Elementary, Natchitoches Parish School
Board, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 1977-1979.
Classroom Teacher, South Cameron Elementary, Cameron Parish School Board,
Cameron, Louisiana, August 1976- January 1977

Professional Affiliations

Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity
Delta Kappa Gamma Fraternity
International Reading Association
Louisiana Middle School Association
Louisiana Association of Educators

Other Professional Endeavors

Developed course description for diagnosis and correction of literacy difficulties in the elementary classroom
Developed course description for classroom management in the secondary classroom
Re-developed course description for classroom management in the elementary classroom
Collaborated on redesign of curriculum for existing reading courses
Collaborated to re-develop the methods of education teaching courses to align with national and state standards
Served as university liaison for middle level professional development school
Developed handbook for Professional Development School
Collaborated with teachers at the laboratory and professional development schools to develop activities for demonstration of proficiencies in teaching the language arts
Collaborated on EPAS project
Developed curriculum for National Center for Preservation Technology Training for Heritage Education incorporating English/Language Arts
Served as University Supervisor of student teachers and interns
Served as advisor for elementary education majors
Member, Professional Development School Initiative
University Bookstore, Food Service, & Postal Service Advisory Committee,
PK-16+ Committee, Chairman, Middle School PDS Advisory Committee
College of Education Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
College of Education Governance Committee
Admission and Retention Committee
Teacher Cadet Program Committee
Member, Search Committee for university positions

Civic, Professional Participation, and Honors

Board Member, Louisiana Middle School Association
Editor, Louisiana Middle School Association Newsletter
Vice-President, Phi Delta Kappa
Alumnae Association, Natchitoches Chapter, Phi Mu Fraternity
Officer, AG Chapter, PEO Sisterhood
Member, St. Denis Art League Spring Court Committee
Sustaining Member, Natchitoches Service League of Natchitoches
Member, Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society

Member, Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches
Bell South Grant Recipient, 1998
LALearn Grant Recipient, 1997
Natchitoches Parish Teacher of the Year Finalist 1997

Presentations

“Heritage Education, Louisiana Middle School Conference, April 4-6, 2003, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

“Heritage Education and Stewardship: Keys to Improving Student Achievement”, Louisiana Council for Social Studies Annual Conference, December 6-7, 2002, Lafayette, Louisiana.

“Infusing K-12 curriculum with Heritage Education”, National Social Sciences Association Professional Development Conference, November 15, 2002, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Literature and the Content Area, “Louisiana Reading Association State Conference, October, 2002, Shreveport, LA

“Traveling the Oregon Trail,” Louisiana Middle School Conference, April, 2002, Lafayette, LA

A Model for Integrating the Curriculum. Presented at the Louisiana Middle School Association Spring Conference. Lafayette, LA. 2002.

Developing LEAP-like Constructed Responses. Presented as staff development to North Natchitoches Elementary Faculty. Natchitoches, LA. 2002.

Middle School On-Line- The Middle School Concept. Presented to Caddo Parish Middle School Teams. Shreveport, LA. 2001.

Strategies for Effective Classroom Management. Presented as staff development to North Natchitoches Elementary Faculty. Natchitoches, LA. 2001.

Putting the Pieces Together: Developing Integrated Curriculum. Presented at the ArkLaTex Middle School Conference. Bossier City, Louisiana. 1999.

Publications

Intellectually and Emotionally Involved Students: Incorporating Literature into the Elementary and Middle Level Content Areas. Louisiana English Journal. Spring 2003

Course Offerings

Classroom Management Strategies

Introduction to Reading

Teaching Reading in the Elementary School

Teaching Reading in the Secondary School

Literature and Language in the Elementary Classroom

Practicum in Reading

Principles of Instruction