

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **EDUCATION**

Master of Science, 2004

Brigham Young University  
Major: Special Education, Mild/Moderate  
Thesis: Teaching Secondary Students with Mild Disabilities to  
Self-Advocate in the General Education Classroom  
Committee: Drs. Michelle Marchant, Mary Anne Prater,  
Richard Young

Bachelor of Science, 2000

Brigham Young University  
Major: Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education  
Minor: Special Education

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

September 2004 to present

Associate Clinical Professor of Special Education  
Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education  
Brigham Young University

- Develop an introductory special education course for secondary education majors
- Supervise instructors who teach the course
- Coordinate field sites in local school districts (120 per semester)
- Teach other undergraduate classes
- Supervise student teachers and interns

September 2017 to present

Program Coordinator for the Special Education Undergraduate Programs in the  
Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education  
Brigham Young University

- Oversee the administrative needs of the special education programs at BYU
- Ensure that state licensure requirements are being met
- Run faculty and district partnership meetings
- Represent the needs of the Special Education Programs in the Educator Preparation Programs at BYU
- Serve as the principle investigator on a State Personal Preparation Grant

#### 2009 Summer Term

Site Coordinator, Summer Practicum  
 Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education  
 Brigham Young University

- Supervise mentor teachers
- Evaluate practicum students
- Organize curriculum and materials
- Instruct practicum students in various teaching methods

#### July 2000 to 2008 (Summer terms)

Summer Practicum Reading Specialist  
 Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education  
 Brigham Young University

- Instruct practicum students in language arts methods
- Evaluate students in practicum settings in 3 local school districts
- Organize curriculum and materials

#### August 2000-August 2004

Special Education Teacher  
 Learning Disabilities/Communication Disorders Unit  
 Jordan School District

- Instruct students with disabilities in reading, math, and social skills
- Coordinate curriculum and assessment for students with disabilities in inclusive settings
- Supervise paraeducators
- Develop and implement Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for each student

#### August 1999-August 2000

Resource Teacher  
 Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities  
 Nebo School District

- Instructing students with disabilities in reading and math
- Developing and Implementing Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) for each student

September 2000-May 2004

Graduate Research Assistant

Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education  
Brigham Young University

- Reading and reporting on scholarly literature
- Conducting a research study in a secondary school setting

### **CONSULTATION**

January 2012-April 2013

Researcher

National Council for Teacher Quality

Online researcher for the National Review of Teacher Preparation Literacy Programs

### **PROGRAM REVIEWER**

October 2015-present

Program Reviewer

Council for Exceptional Children

Review Special Education Programs around the United States who are seeking program approval from the Council for Exceptional Children

### **TEACHING AND SUPERVISION**

**Brigham Young University**

**Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education (CPSE)**

#### **Courses Taught**

CPSE 402	(2 hrs.)	Educating Students with Disabilities in Secondary General Education Classrooms.
CPSE 402 Online	(2 hrs.)	Educating Students with Disabilities in Secondary General Education Classrooms.
CPSE 420	(3 hrs.)	Assessment and Evaluation for Students with Mild to Moderate Disabilities
CPSE 430	(3 hrs.)	Teaching Reading and Language Arts to Students With Disabilities
CPSE 440	(2 hrs.)	Curriculum and Instruction for Secondary Students with Disabilities
CPSE 452	(3 hrs.)	Effective Teaching Strategies for Students with Mild to Moderate Disabilities.

CPSE 460	(3 hrs.)	Collaboration in Special Education
CPSE 490	(1 hr.)	Capstone Seminar for Teaching Individuals with Disabilities
IAS 369R	(1hr)	International Internship Prep for China Student Teaching Experience
CPSE 609	(4 hr)	Academic Assessment and Intervention

### **Field Work Supervised**

CPSE 420	(3 hrs.)	Assessment and Evaluation for Students with Mild to Moderate Disabilities
CPSE 466R	(4 hrs.)	Teaching Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities Practicum
CPSE 486 R	(12 hrs.)	Student Teaching: Mild/Moderate Disabilities
CPSE 496 R	(12 hrs)	Internship
ECE 422	(12 hrs)	Early Childhood Student Teaching China Study Abroad
El Ed 400 R	(12 hrs)	Elementary Education Student Teaching Study Abroad
Sec Ed 476R	(12hrs)	Secondary Education Student Teaching Study Abroad

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

#### Presentations:

**Abraham, H.** (2013). You May Not Read, But You Can't Hide. International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning. Orlando, FL.

**Abraham, H.** (2013). Behavior Management Strategies for Students with Autism. Autism School. Guangzhou, China.

Steed, K. & **Abraham, H.** (2012, November). Bullying Prevention for Students Classified with Autism Spectrum Disorder. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Suicide Prevention Conference. Provo, UT.

**Abraham, H.**, Munk, J., & Smith, B. (2011, November) The Effects of an Inclusive Education Course on Pre-Service Secondary General Education Teachers' Philosophy of Educating Students with Disabilities. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Austin, TX.

**Abraham, H.**, Coates, T., Johnson, D. & Simmons, S. (2009, July) Student Member Issues Panel Discussion. Council for Exceptional Children Leadership Institute, Arlington, VA.

**Abraham, H.,** Munk, J. & Smith, B. (2009, April). Self-Reflection and Goal Setting to Improve Teacher Candidate Dispositions. Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Seattle, WA.

**Abraham, H.** & Carter, N. (2009, January) Students with Disabilities: Instructional Support that Facilitates Learning. American Statistical Association, Webinar, Provo, UT.

Munk, J., **Abraham, H.,** & Smith, B. (2008, November). Self-Reflection and Goal Setting to Improve Teacher Candidate Dispositions. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. Dallas, TX.

Prater, M., Carter, N., & **Abraham, H.** (2008, April) Collaborating for Response to Intervention: Tier 1 Reading Interventions. Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Boston, MA.

**Abraham, H.** (2005, November) *Co-Teaching in a Secondary General Education Classroom*, Center for Instructional Design Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

**Abraham, H.** (2001, June) *Using ECRI Reading Methods in the Classroom*, Conference on Interventions for At-Risk Children and Youth, Logan, UT.

Television Appearance:

Steed, K. & **Abraham, H.** (2010, August) *Inclusive Education*. One hour television program as part of the *Ask Eleven* Television Show, KBYU Television, Provo, UT.

Posters:

**Abraham, H.** (2011 January) The Effects of an Inclusive Education Course on Pre-Service Secondary General Education Teachers' Philosophy of Educating Students with Disabilities. Hawaii Education Conference, Honolulu, HW.

**Abraham, H.,** Marchant, M. & Prater, M. (2009, February) Using Peer Tutors to Provide Accommodations in the General Education Classroom. Learning Disabilities Association National Conference, SLC, UT.

**Abraham, H.,** Marchant, M. & Prater, M. (2008, April) Using Peer Tutors to Provide Accommodations in the General Education Classroom. Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Boston, MA.

**Abraham, H.** & Steed, K. (2007, March). *How to Make and Keep a Successful SCEC Chapter*. Utah Council for Exceptional Children State Conference, St. George, UT.

Andreason, J. Powell, A., Stenlund, M. Steed, K. & **Abraham, H.** (2007, March). *Effective Behavior Management Strategies*. Utah Council for Exceptional Children State Conference, St. George, UT.

Bertoli, L. & **Abraham, H.** (2007, March ) *Elements of Good Reading According to the National Reading Panel*. Utah Council for Exceptional Children State Conference, St. George, UT.

Vindihar, J., Masterson, A. & **Abraham, H.** (2007, March) *Strategies for Working with Students with Disabilities who are English Language Learners*. Utah Council for Exceptional Children State Conference, St. George, UT.

#### Publications:

**Abraham, H.** (2006). How can I help you? Closing the gap in general education classrooms through effective collaboration. *The Utah Special Educator*, 27, 58-59.

#### Grants

Became PI on "USBE Personnel Preparation grant" \$64,400 from January 2018-June 2018.

**Nelson, H.** & Steed, K. "Taking students to the Council for Exceptional Children Conference" Experiential Learning Grant \$14,400. (2017)

**Nelson, H.** & Sabey, C. "Experiential Learning Teaching Lab" Experiential Learning Grant \$14,400. (2017)

**Abraham, H.** & Munk, J. "What is the Value of Using an Electronic Format for Collecting Teacher Candidate Performance Data?" \$9,540.00. (2011)

**Abraham, H.** Steed, K., Munk, J. & Steed, M. "The Effects of Using an iPad to Collect Field Experience Data: A Fun New Gadget or a Powerful Tool" \$4,000.00. (2010).

#### Multimedia Materials

Mallory, T., Munk, J. & **Abraham, H.** *Web based observation tool for collecting field experience data*. (2011). I worked with the Center for Teaching and Learning at BYU to develop a web based tool for collecting performance data of teacher candidates that can run on a computer or iPad.

## SERVICE

### Community

#### 2007 (Fall/Winter Semesters)

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) Trainer

- Organize and conduct two-day inservice for two local partnership districts
- Train attendees in the administration and proper use of DIBELS.

#### 2007 (Fall/Winter Semesters)

Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction Trainer

- Organize and conduct a two-day inservice for a charter school in Washington D.C.
- Train attendees in implementing ECRI (Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction) teaching methods.

#### 2007-2008 (Spring/Summer)

Trips for Kids Mentor

- Taught mountain biking skills to at-risk youth.

#### January 1997-July 1998

LDS Church Missionary

- Taught individuals and families life improvement strategies
- Participated in various service activities in several communities in the upstate New York Area

### University Committees and Associations

- Committee Chair, Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Council, Brigham Young University, September 2017-August 2018.
- Committee Member, Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Council, Brigham Young University, January 2016-present.
- Committee Member, Educator Preparation Program Individual Programs Council, September 2017-present.

- Committee Co-Chair, Secondary Education Faculty Committee, Educator Preparation Program, Brigham Young University September 2012-August 2015.
- Member, Secondary Education Faculty Committee, Educator Preparation Program, Brigham Young University, September 2008-August 2015.
- Member, Educator Preparation Program Executive Committee (Representing Secondary Education), Brigham Young University, September 2012-August 2015.
- Member, Educator Preparation Program Director Search Committee, Brigham Young University, July 2015.

*McKay School Committees and Associations*

- Chair, Special Education Partnership Advisory Council, McKay School of Education, September 2017-present
- Member, McKay Educator Preparation Program Council, McKay School of Education, September 2017-present.
- Member, Education Student Services Director Search Committee, McKay School of Education, July 2016
- Member, McKay School Tech Lab Director Search Committee, McKay School of Education, July 2013.
- Member, Special Education Partnership Advisory Council, McKay School of Education, September 2004-September 2005.
- Member, McKay School of Education Conference Planning Committee, McKay School of Education, January 2006-August 2011.
- Member, McKay School of Education Recruitment Committee, McKay School of Education, September 2011-August 2014.
- Member, Special Education Partnership Advisory Council, McKay School of Education, September 2004-September 2005.



Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education Committees and Associations

- Committee Chair, Assessment, Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, August 2015-present
- Committee Chair, Technology Integration, Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, August 2013-present
- Committee Chair, CPSE 402 Educating Students with Disabilities in Secondary General Education Classrooms (Service Course for BYU Educator Preparation Program), Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, August 2004-August 2015
- Committee Co-chair, Recruitment and Admissions, Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, January 2005-September 2014
- Member, Summer Practicum Committee, Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, January 2005-September 2017.
- Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, September 2004-May 2009.
- Member, Secondary Planning Committee, Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, September 2004-2005.
- Member, Special Education Assessment Team, Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, October 2005- October 2006.
- Mentor, Brigham Young University, Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education, Mild/Moderate Undergraduate Students, August 2005-April 2009.

Faculty Advisor

- Faculty Advisor, Brigham Young University's Chapter of Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC), January 2005-August 2011.
- Faculty Advisor, Humor U, Brigham Young University, August 2006-August 2007.

Invited Lectures

CPSE 430: Teaching Reading and Language Arts to Students with Disabilities  
Invited to teach students in the severe cohort about DIBELS progress monitoring

CPSE 440: Curriculum and Instruction for Secondary Students with Disabilities  
Invited to present on self-determination and accessing the general education curriculum

CPSE 452: Effective Instruction for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities  
Invited to present on reading instruction

CPSE 453: Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Severe Disabilities  
Invited to train students in the severe cohort DIBELS progress monitoring in preparation for summer practicum

CPSE 466 R: Teaching Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities Practicum  
Invited to train students in the mild moderate cohort on DIBELS progress monitoring in preparation for Summer Practicum

CPSE 490: Special Education Capstone Seminar  
Invited to present on DIBELS reading assessment.

CPSE 679R: Advanced Practice in Counseling and School Psychology  
Invited to present as part of a panel on mild/moderate special education issues as they relate to school psychologists.

FLANG 276: Exploration in Teaching Foreign Languages  
Invited to present on Special Education Issues as they relate to students in foreign language classes.

Invited External Reviewer for Tenure and/or Promotion

University of Hawaii at Manoa, Department of Special Education, Honolulu, HI (October 2012)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Leadership

National Committees and Associations  
Committee Member

The Council for Exceptional Children Teacher Education Division  
Professional Development Committee  
Sept 2016-present

Representative Assembly Member  
The Council for Exceptional Children International Representative Assembly  
May 2006-May 2010

State Committees and Associations

Utah Council for Exceptional Children, Membership Chair, May 2011-May 2014  
Utah Council for Exceptional Children, Past-president, May 2010-May 2011  
Utah Council for Exceptional Children, President, May 2008-May 2010  
Utah CEC Vice President, May 2007- May 2008  
Utah CEC Faculty Advisor, September 2006-May 2007  
Utah CEC Newsletter, September 2006-May 2007  
Utah CEC Conference Planning Committee, September 2006-May 2014

Membership

The Council for Exceptional Children, September 2004-present  
The Council for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division,  
September 2007-present  
Learning Disabilities Association, December 2008-December 2009

Conferences Attended

Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Tempe, AZ,  
November, 2015.

Best Practices in Autism: Autism in Adolescence, Provo, UT, January, 2015

International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning, Orlando, FL, October 2013.

Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Austin, TX,  
November, 2011.

Hawaii Education Conference, Honolulu, HI, January 2011.

Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Nashville, TN. April 2010

Council for Exceptional Children Leadership Institute, Arlington, VA. July, 2009.

Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Seattle WA. April 2009.

Council for Exceptional Children State Conference, Murray, UT. March, 2009.

Learning Disabilities Association National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT. February, 2009.

Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children National Conference. Dallas, TX. November, 2008.

Center for the Improvement of Teacher Education and Schooling (CITES) Associates Program. Park City, UT. September-May 2008 (6 two-day sessions).

Iris Center Training, Park City, UT. September 2008.

Council for Exceptional Children International Conference. Boston, MA. April 2008.

Council for Exceptional Children State Conference. Murray, UT. March 2008.

Literacy Promise, SLC, UT. March 2008.

Council for Exceptional Children International Conference. Louisville, KY. April 2007.

Council For Exceptional Children State Conference. St. George, UT. March 2007.

Utah Personnel Development Center, Mentor Academy, SLC, UT. September-April 2005-2007 (8 two-day sessions).

Reading First Conference, Using DIBELS for Decision Making. SLC, UT. August and September 2006.

Council for Exceptional Children International Conference. SLC, UT. April 2006.

Reading First Conference, DIBELS. SLC, UT. February and April 2006.

Council for Exceptional Children International Conference. Baltimore, MD. April 2005.

Council for Exceptional Children State Conference. St. George, UT. March 2005.

#### **AWARDS**

Utah CEC 2018 Hilda B. Jones Special Educator of the Year. March 2018.

Utah CEC Learning Disabilities Division Rookie of the Year. October 2000.

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Special Education Certificate, K-12, State of Utah, 2000-2007

Elementary Education/ Early Childhood Education preK-6, State of Utah, 2000-2007