

**Title**

Director of Online Instruction/Professor

Area of Focus

Leadership of the faculty services and support unit of ELI

Joined ELI

August, 2017

Education

Ed.D. Nova Southeastern University, Curriculum Development and Systemic Change

M.Ed. The College of St. Rose, Early Childhood Education

M.S. The College of St. Rose, Music Education

B.S. The College of St. Rose, Music Education (piano)

Background

I started my career as a public school music teacher (K-5) and eventually owned and managed two large music studios, *The Magic of Music*. I also ran a small business, *Resources for Educational Training* where I developed and presented seminars to over 3500 early childhood educators on fostering children's creativity through music and art in over 72 cities. I taught in Lesley University's graduate school of education in their national Integrated Teaching through the Arts Master's degree program. Most recently, until my retirement and relocation to Virginia, I was Professor and Department Chair of the Teacher Preparation Department at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY. At HVCC, I oversaw six degree and certificate programs in early childhood, adolescent education, special education, teacher assistant and early childhood administration for over 26 years. I was one of the distance learning pioneers at this college and taught a multitude of online courses both fully online and hybrid, as well as developed new courses and mentored faculty in course design and delivery since the late 90s. I am the author of the textbook, *Write It Down: A Guided Journal of Ideas, Strategies and Reflections for Beginning Teachers* published by Cengage Learning.

Typical Workday

What I love about this new position is that every day is different! A typical day involves reading and responding to plenty of email, reviewing online faculty evaluations and course audits, working with Deans and professors to resolve student complaints, designing and developing the ELI newsletter and working on a new Policy manual for faculty—along with many meetings! I also enjoy working with my staff of quality assurance specialists and faculty support assistants and the ELI management team.

Work Beverage

Mixed Berry Iced Green Tea (it's an addiction!)