

Linda O'Connor Rhen, Ed.D.

Education

EdD	Educational Administration – earned doctorate	Temple University
MEd	Special Education – earned Master’s degree	Shippensburg University
BS	Speech Pathology and Audiology	Clarion University
	Advanced Certification (Supervision)	Bucknell University
	School Psychology Coursework	Millersville University
	Applied Behavior Analysis Coursework	Penn State University

Professional Experience

Current Position - August 2010 through current date

The Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, Middletown, PA 17057

Assistant Professor of Special Education (Faculty)

Coordinator of Post-Baccalaureate Special Education Certification Program

Principal Investigator for D.R.E.A.M. Partnership Grant – Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Program for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Previous Positions

Senior Policy Adviser and School Services Director January 2007-August 2010

Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Responsible for development and adoption of Special Education Regulations: Chapter 14 Special Education Services and Programs; Chapter 711 Special Education for Charter Schools; and Chapter 16 Special Education for Gifted Students
- Policy development for Basic Education and authorship of Basic Education Circulars
- Supervision of School Services staff
- Coordinator of the Department of Education’s Background Check Requirements for Schools

Adjunct faculty for Penn State Harrisburg - 2009 - 2010

Director, Bureau of Special Education November 2004-December 2006

Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA

Leadership for Special Education in Pennsylvania

Lead role in settlement of the *Gaskin* case

Initiated grant programs and improvements in special education, including Secondary Transition and Early Intervention

Executive Director, Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 1998-2004

East Petersburg, PA (IU 13 is now located on New Holland Ave. in Lancaster, PA)

Leadership and oversight for an education service agency with 1300 employees and a \$120 Million budget; serving 22 school districts, with 89,000 public school children and 17,000 non-public school students.

Assistant to Executive Director, Instructional Services Director 1997-1998
Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit # 13, East Petersburg, PA
Leadership of Instructional Services Department - Assistant to Executive Director

Director, Exceptional Children Services 1994-1997
Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit, East Petersburg, PA
Services to @ 2500 students with disabilities in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties
Oversight of \$27 million in state and federal budgets

Division Chief, Division of Technical Assistance 1989-1994
Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA
Bureau of Special Education
Training and technical assistance for school districts to build their capacity to serve students with disabilities

Special Education Adviser 1985-1989
Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA
Bureau of Special Education

Project Director, Technical Assistance Group for Right to Education 1982-1985
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, Lewisburg, PA
Statewide resource to school districts in policy and legal issues related to special education.

Right to Education Adviser, Bureau of Special Education 1974-1982
Pennsylvania Department of Education, under contract with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16, Lewisburg, PA
Recruitment, appointment and training of special education hearing officers
Developed policy documents, eg., Basic Education Circulars, with guidance on Pennsylvania's legal and procedural requirements for special education.

Speech and Language Clinician, Capital Area Intermediate Unit 15 1971-1974
Summerdale PA
Provision of speech and language therapy to students, from preschool through high school.

Professional Certification

Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility
Intermediate Unit Executive Director's Letter of Eligibility
Supervisor of Special Education
Instructional II for Mentally Retarded (Permanent Certification for Preschool-12th grade Special Education)
Speech Correction (Speech and Language Therapy)