

Kristan Shields, EdD

Assistant Professor

Education

- Doctorate of Education, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN (Dec 2024) — Learning Organizations and Strategic Change
- Education Specialist, Oakland University, Rochester, MI (May 2017) — Educational Leadership
- Master's in Special Education, Oakland University, Rochester, MI (May 2010) — K–12 Special Education Certification
- Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Rochester College, MI (May 2005)

Professional Licensure

Tennessee:

- Aspiring Administrator PreK–12
- Practitioner Teacher
- Endorsements: K–5 Elementary, 6–8 Language Arts, K–8 & 6–12 Interventionist

Michigan:

- Professional & Standard Teaching Certificates
- K–5 All Subjects (ZG), English K–8 (BA), Learning Disabilities K–12 (SM)
- School Administrator Certificate (K–12 Admin)
- Tenure Award: Highly Effective

Illinois:

- Professional Educator License (PreK–9), Special Ed (PreK–21)

Teaching in Higher Education

- Courses taught include Instructional Methods, Special Education Law, Planning and Assessment, Orientation to Graduate Education, Graduation Seminar, and Reading and Language Arts for Students with Disabilities. Taught across undergraduate and graduate levels from 2019 to 2025.

Professional Experience

- Support Hub Intervention Coach, Metro Nashville Public Schools (2019–2022)
- Literacy Teacher Leader, Rochester Community Schools (2016–2019)
- Special Education Professor, Rochester University (Spring 2019)
- Standards Committee Member, Michigan Department of Education (2018–2019)
- Resource Teacher, Brewster Elementary (2011–2019)
- Resource Teacher, District 204, Naperville, IL (2009–2011)
- Special Education Teacher, Conner Creek Academy East, MI (2006–2009)
- Classroom Teacher, Michigan Automotive Academy, Detroit, MI (2005–2006)

Professional Memberships

- International Dyslexia Association (2023–Present)
- Learning Disabilities of America (2023–Present)
- Council of Exceptional Children (2023–Present)

Presentations and Trainings (Facilitator/Presenter)

- Trainer for Language Live, ReadWell, Inclusive Education, Equity, and Intervention Programs
- Professional Development Co-Chair, Brewster Elementary
- Crucial Conversations and Instructional Coaching Facilitator

Professional Development (Participant)

- LETRS Certified (May 2024)
- Early Reading 360 Badge (Sept 2023)
- ATR Certified Evaluator (Aug 2023)
- Trained in multiple literacy and intervention programs: Wilson, SPIRE, Lexia, Language Live, and more (2016–2023)
- Attendee: Learning and the Brain Conference, NYC (2022)

Community and Institutional Engagement

- Mentor, Lipscomb University & TN Achieves Program
- Service with Woodmont Hills Church and Rochester Church of Christ
- Missions: Kibo Group International, Pioneers International Missions