

CURRICULUM VITA

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DEGREE STATUS

Ph. D	Currently enrolled	University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Charlotte, NC. Special Education
M. Ed.	2010	University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Charlotte, NC. Special Education
B. S.	2005	St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY. K- 5 Elementary Education K-12 Special Education

LICENSURES/CERTIFICATIONS

National Board Certification:

Exceptional Needs Specialist, Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

State of North Carolina Professional Educators License:

Elementary Education, Grades K-6

Cross Categorical, Grades K-12

Special Education, Adapted Curriculum

EC Language Arts, Grades K-6

EC Math, Grades K-6

EC Science, Grades K-6

EC Social Studies, Grades K-6

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant

Lake and Edward J. Snyder, Jr. Fellow

August 2019-present

Cabarrus County Schools

EC Coach- District

August 2018-June 2019

Cabarrus County Schools

November 2016-June 2018

Lead EC Teacher- Odell Primary School, Pitts School Road Elementary, Patriots Elementary

Charles E. Boger Elementary, Cabarrus County Schools

August 2015-November 2016

Exceptional Children's Teacher of Children with Autism- Grades K-2

Charles E. Boger Elementary, Cabarrus County Schools

August 2010-June 2015

Exceptional Children's Resource Teacher- Grades K-5

Charles E. Boger Elementary, Cabarrus County Schools

August 2008-June 2010

Exceptional Children's Teacher of Children with Autism- Grades 3-5

North Rowan Elementary, Rowan County Schools

August 2005-June 2008

Exceptional Children's Teacher of Children with Autism- Grades K-5

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review

Stenhoff, D. M, Pennington, R. C., & **Tapp, M. C.** (2020). *Remote learning support for students with autism spectrum disorder and complex needs*. Department of Psychology, Arizona State University.

Clausen, A. M., **Tapp, M. C.**, Teasdell, A., Pennington, R. C., Spooner, F. (2020). *Establishing the evidence for modified schema based instruction to teach mathematical problem solving to students with moderate and severe disabilities*. Department of Special Education and Child Development, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Pennington, R. C., Walker, V. L., & **Tapp, M. C.** (2020). *Teacher preparation in communication instruction for students with extensive support needs*. Department of Special Education and Child Development, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Tapp, M. C., Clausen, A., Pennington, R. C. (2020). *A brief report: Functional communication training*. Department of Special Education and Child Development, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

In Preparation

Pennington, R. C., **Tapp, M. C.**, Clausen, A., Carpenter, M. (2020). *A systematic review of mand training parameters for students with developmental disabilities in school settings*. Department of Special Education and Child Development, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

PRESENTATIONS

Pennington, R. C., **Tapp, M. C.**, Clausen, A., Carpenter, M. (2020, May 23-25). *A systematic review of mand training parameters for students with developmental disabilities in school settings* [Poster presentation]. Association for Behavior Analysis International, Washington DC, United States.

Pennington, R. C., **Tapp, M. C.**, Wood, C. L. (2020, March 26-31). *The effects of student delivered feedback on teacher instructional behaviors* [Poster presentation]. Cato College of Education Research Symposium, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, United States

Tapp, M. C. (2020, February 19-21). A systematic review of mand training parameters for students with developmental disabilities in school settings. In E. Moran (Chair), *NCABA Student Symposium* [Symposium]. North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis 31st Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC, United States.

Johnson, H., Carpenter, M., & **Tapp, M. C.** (2020, February 27-28). *Check-In/Check-Out: Targeted support for students with extensive support needs* [Conference session]. North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children, Greensboro, NC, United States.

Overcash, C. & **Tapp, M. C.** (2018-2019). *Autism 101* [Presentation]. Cabarrus County Schools: Odell Primary School staff; Kids Plus: Before and After School Program staff. Concord, NC, United States.

Cleeland, A., & **Tapp, M. C.** (2019, May & June). *Strategies for working with children with disabilities* [Presentation]. YMCA after school and summer camp staff. Concord, NC, United States.

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT/ASSISTED

University of North Carolina Charlotte

SPED4270 Classroom Management

Co-Teaching with Dr. Robert Pennington

FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

2020-2022 Leadership Grant Scholar, OSERS, U.S. Department of Education, under the direction of PIs' Charles Wood & Ya-yu Lo
UNC Charlotte's Ph.D. Program in Special Education with a specialty in multi-tiered interventions.

2019-Present Lake and Edward J. Snyder Fellow, Graduate Assistantship
UNC Charlotte's Ph.D. Program in Special Education

HONORS AND AWARDS

C.E. Boger Elementary Teacher of the Year 2015-2016
C.E. Boger Elementary Boger Beacon of the Month- December 2015
Spencer Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator- 2006-2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Council for Exceptional Children
Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities
Applied Behavior Analysis International
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North Carolina Applied Behavior Analysis
North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children
North Carolina Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities

SERVICE/OUTREACH/ENGAGEMENT

Service to the University

February-April 2020	Reviewer for the Undergraduate Research Conference, UNC Charlotte
February 2020	Doctoral Program Interview Host

Service to the Profession

June 2020	Proposal Reviewer for CEC 2021 Conference
June 2020	Proposal Reviewer for DADD 2021 Conference
April 2020	Proposal Reviewer for OCALICON 2020 Conference
March 2020	Autism After 18 Workshop (Cancelled)
March 2020	Guest Reviewer, <i>Rural Special Education Quarterly</i>
February 2020	North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis Conference Volunteer
February 2020	Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference Volunteer
2020-2021	North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children Professional Development Committee Co-Chair
2020-2021	North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children: Region 5 Representative
2020-2021	North Carolina Division for Autism and Developmental Disabilities: Region 5 Representative