

Karen Ann Donovan

PROFESSIONAL GOAL

Work in collaboration with other teachers, professional staff and students to enhance the development, implementation and evaluation of educational programs for all students.

EDUCATION

9/83-5/87 University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont
Master of Education (M.E.) with a concentration in Special Education and Adapted Physical Education, and Certification in Physical Education

1978-81 Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Education
Majors: Special and Elementary Education
Minor: Art

1/80-6/80 College of Ripon and St. John
York, England; exchange program in education

1977-78 Lesley College, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Special and Elementary education

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

9/02-present Saint Michael's College, Colchester, VT
Planning and teaching Special Education courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Responsibilities include evaluation of students in their tutoring and practicum settings, as well as classroom and course requirements. Advising and supervising students in the Special Education Program at Graduate level. Licensing Coordinator responsibilities added in 2006.

9/92- 8/02 Underhill I.D. Elementary School, Jericho, VT
Permanent part-time (60% to 80% to 90%) position as special educator for grades K-4, responsibilities included student assessment, program design and implementation, as well as classroom accommodations, and close coordination and consultation with other staff members.

1/91-6/91 Camel's Hump Middle School, Richmond, VT
Six month full-time position as special educator for grades 5-8, sub for a maternity leave.

10/90-12/90 Richmond Elementary School, Richmond, VT

Ten week full-time position as special educator for grades K-4, sub for a maternity leave.

- 2/88-6/90 Pan American School, San Jose, Costa Rica**
Co-teacher for preparatory (academically equivalent to first grade) in a bilingual, private school. Class work included teaching reading, math, art, English as a second language, and conversational Spanish. One year teaching physical education.
- 8/84-11/87 Burlington School District, Burlington, VT**
Adaptive Physical Educator serving 46 students with mild to severe disabilities in grades K-12 in 5 schools; responsibilities included development and implementation of individualized educational programs in close coordination with teachers and physical therapist.
- 1/84-8/84 UVM-Center for Developmental Disabilities, Burlington, VT**
Graduate assistant to Community Recreation Program and Director of Adaptive Physical Education; provided special education services to persons with severe disabilities and consulted with physical education teachers and recreation specialists in local school districts. Performed research and completed a computer search on recreation programs for people with disabilities.
- 5/84-8/84 Assistant Conference Coordinator, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT**
Responsible for planning and implementation of the Northeast Conference on Physical Activity for People with Disabilities.
- 1/83-6/83 Burlington School District, Burlington, VT**
Teaching assistant in a special classroom for seventh and eighth grade students with behavioral challenges and/or learning disabilities, including small group and one to one instruction.
- Fall 1982 Burlington School District, Burlington, VT**
Substitute teacher for primary and secondary schools.
- 12/81-7/82 Eckerd Wilderness Educational System Camping Program, Benson, VT**
Transitional classroom teacher for juvenile delinquent boys in Vermont. Responsible for creating an intensive curriculum to prepare and enhance student's possibilities for re-entry into and success in public school systems, group homes, GED exams, job placement, etc. Initiated and led a daily physical education program as well as several community outings and trips. Left position to move to Burlington, Vt.
- 1980 YMCA, Southington, CT**
Camp counselor responsible for children 5-12 years; taught swimming, arts and crafts, and boating. Developed nature studies curriculum.

Summers **Waterbury Regional Center, Cheshire, CT**
1977-79

Summer Recreation Director, leader and organizer of program for children with moderate and severe disabilities. Planned and implemented recreational activities for children with severe disabilities including swimming, games, gym activities, community outings, etc.

PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

"Steps For Programming In Adapted Physical Education", May 1985, presented with Elizabeth Robitaille (P.T.) at a Barre School District Workshop (Barre, Vermont) to assist teachers in how to review background, decide on goals and objectives, establish reinforcement procedures and keep records for each student.

"The Data-Based Gymnasium: A Place To Begin", July 1985, presented with E. Robitaille at the Northeast Conference on Physical Activity for Disabled Persons (Bolton, Vermont). A program design for teaching physical education to disabled students. Included a videotape of teaching procedures.

Member, Advisory Committee for the Integrated Recreation Project at the University of Vermont (1984-85).

"Learning To Play Is Hard Work", July 1984, presented with Gail Colton (T.R.S.) at the Northeast Conference on Physical Activity for Disabled Persons (Bolton, Vermont). A systematic design for providing recreational opportunities for disabled persons.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Member of Saint Michael's College Childcare Advisory Board 2003- present

Vermont Photo Group member (2003- present)

ASCD membership (1994-2001), CEC membership (2004- present)

Member of the Chittenden East Community Partnership 1999-2004

December 1999 - Trained as screener for Irlen Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome

Organizer for Bill Koch Youth Ski League- organized volunteers for the program 1996- 1999

Course Completion, Institute of Children's Literature, Redding Ridge, Connecticut - Course in Writing for Children and Teenagers (1982-85)