



I am Michelle Valerie Hedge, and my passion for teaching was ignited when I was 17 years old. At this time, I embarked on my education journey at a small Montessori school in Santa Monica. I made my teaching career official in 1998, which marked the start of an adventure that continues to unfold. Over the years, I have been privileged to teach in various educational settings, including traditional schools, Waldorf-inspired schools, home schools, virtual schools, and learning centers, working with students of all ages, from age 3 to adults.

My passion for teaching is deeply rooted in my belief that every individual, regardless of their current level of knowledge or academic challenges, has an innate ability to learn. I relish the opportunity to impart knowledge and glean insights from each unique encounter with students and parents. I currently hold a California Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, CLAD Emphasis with an added Autism Certificate, a California Clear Level II Education Specialist Credential with an added Bridge Authorization, a California Clear Administrative Services Credential, an MA in Educational Administration and an Orton Gillingham Associate's Level Certification.

Meeting new students continually humbles me, reminding me of the vast expanse of knowledge yet to be explored. It's a continuous cycle of growth in which I must adapt my mindset, methods, strategies, and even my demeanor to suit the needs of each learner. This commitment to continuous improvement is a cornerstone of my teaching philosophy. It's a captivating process, and although I have amassed a wealth of knowledge and experience, I still need to step back and allow the students to guide me in reaching them and teaching them effectively.

Qualifications:

General Education Teacher, Specialized Academic Instructor, Special Education Administrator

CA Clear Level II Education Specialist Credential, Autism Spectrum Added Authorization, Added Bridge Authorization

CA Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, CLAD Emphasis

Orton-Gillingham Approach Associates Level Certification

Professional Clear Administrative Services Credential

M.A. Educational Administration