

SRIMANI CHAKRAVARTHI

Certifications:

Illinois Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS-1 unlimited) Certification.

Illinois Type 9 Science Teaching Certification.

Illinois Type 10 Special Education Teaching Certification.

Education:

Degree	Institution	Major	Year	GPA
Ph.D.	Regional Institute of Education. Mysore, India	Special Education & Learning Disabilities	2000	4.0
M.Ed.	Osmania University. India	Education	1994	3.83
B.Ed.	Osmania University. India	Education	1993	3.76
B.Sc.	Osmania University. India	Science	1992	4.0

Work Experience:

- **Assistant Professor of Education:** University of St. Francis.
Teaching courses at the Undergraduate and the Graduate level in the area of Special Education. Supervising students in their Field experience and Academic Advising.
- **Special Education LD/EMH Teacher:** Joliet School District. 2002-2006
Teaching Language Arts, Reading, Writing, Science, Mathematics and Social Studies to 6th graders with LD/EMH, in a self-contained classroom. Developing and managing IEPs for all the students. Supervised student teacher from the Illinois State University for 9 weeks.
- **LD Resource Facilitator Assistant:** Lisle School District. 1998-1999:
Worked as a part time voluntary resource teacher. Responsibilities included teaching reading, mathematics and writing to LD students in a resource room setting and regular classroom, and administering individual tests.
- **Special Education LD Teacher:** Mysore, India. 1996-1997:
Taught children with Learning Disabilities. Work included administering identification and diagnostic tests, teaching students individually and in groups, monitoring their progress and modifying teaching strategies to suit individual needs.
- **Teaching Assistant:** Regional Institute of Education. 1995-1996:
Classroom teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level. Responsibilities included teaching and grading assignments. Subjects taught were Psychological Assessment of Exceptional children, Educating Children with Special Needs and Learning Disabilities.
- **Research Consultant:** Rangarao and Sons, Mysore, India. 1995-1995:
Developed a Human Resource questionnaire to assess group relationships and evolving strategic plans for fostering positive attitudes, better functioning and relationships.
- **Student Teaching:** Hyderabad, India. 1993-1993:
Student teacher for Grade 9. Effectively managed a class of 45 students. The work involved teaching English and Biological Sciences, preparing and administering tests and all other regular duties of a teacher.

Ph.D. Thesis and Research:

Thesis is titled 'Diagnosis and Remediation of Language Disabilities in Primary Schools'. The work focused on developing a complete program of identifying, diagnosing, developing and administering a remedial program of instruction. This was the first study in the regional language and in India. Several problems had to be overcome, starting with developing systematic identification procedures and selecting appropriate diagnostic tests from those developed in the regional language.

Research Papers:

- Presented a paper titled 'Development of a Remedial Program of Language for Children with Language Disabilities in Kannada, a South Indian Language' at the 4th World Congress of Dyslexia held in September 1997 at Macedonia, Greece.

Seminars:

- Various seminars on awareness, identification and remediation of children with Learning Disabilities were given for graduate students, teachers and teacher educators at Regional Institute of Education, Mysore India.
- Trained teachers on teaching language for children with language/learning disabilities at various District Institutes of Educational Training (DIETs).
- Resource person for a workshop on 'Development of Diagnostic Tests in Language for Grades 1 to 4 based on Minimum Levels of Learning', organized by the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Diagnostic tests were developed in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Awards and Fellowships:

- Was awarded the University Grants Commission Junior Research Fellowship in 1995, for conducting research leading to a Ph.D.
- Ranked first during student teaching and overall performance during the B.Ed program.
- Star Teacher awards for exemplary teaching in Joliet Public School during the school years 2004 and 2005.

Computer Skills:

- Microsoft Access, Visual Basic, Excel, Word.
- Web Design, HTML, Microsoft FrontPage and Dreamweaver.

Other Interests and Achievements:

- Fluent in four Indian languages, French and English. Beginner level Spanish.