

**College of Education
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School of Teaching and Learning
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Education

Capella University Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education <i>"How under-represented students understand their early college high school experience".</i>	Ph D.	2020
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches Elementary Education	M. Ed.	2010
Saint Thomas University, Houston, International Business	MBA	1996
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches Marketing	BBA	1992

Professional Licensure and Certifications

2004	EC-4	Current
2005	Gifted and Talented	Life

Honors

2020	Nominee Lone Star College Faculty Excellence Award
2019	Nominee Lone Star College Faculty Excellence Award

Academic Positions

Spring 2023 - Fall 2024	Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education (Tenured track) School of Teaching and Learning Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
Fall 2020 – Fall 2022	Curriculum Chair Early Childhood Education Associate of Arts of Teaching (System wide) Lone Star College, Houston, Texas
Fall 2019– Fall 2022	Professor Associate of Arts of Teaching Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences Lone Star College, Houston, Texas
Fall 2018- Fall 2019	Associate Professor of Education Associate of Arts of Teaching Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences Lone Star College, Houston, Texas
Fall 2017- Fall 2018	Lead Faculty Associate of Arts of Teaching Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences Lone Star College, Houston, Texas
Fall 2016- Fall 2018	Assistant Professor Associate of Arts of Teaching Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences Lone Star College, Houston, Texas
Fall 2012- Fall 2016	Adjunct Faculty Associate of Arts of Teaching Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences Lone Star College, Houston, Texas
2005-2010	Classroom Teacher – Third Grade Bear Branch Elementary School Magnolia Independent School District, Magnolia, Texas
2003-2004	Classroom Teacher - Kindergarten The Kids Club Magnolia, Texas

Research/Grant Funding

Department of Education, OSERS: OSEP: Personnel Development To Improve Services And Results For Children With Disabilities Program: Associate Degree Preservice Program Improvement Grants to Support Personnel Working with Young Children with Disabilities, ALN 84.325N (2023) Nabors, D.K., & **Gatlin, M.D.** submitted to The U.S. Department of Education. \$476,110 Requested.

National Science Foundation, RAPID Response. Taking Teachers' AI Temperature and using AI for more harmonious classrooms (2023) Gross, E, & **Gatlin, M.D.** submitted to The National Science Foundation. Not funded.

National Science Foundation, CAREER. (2023) Utilizing Artificial Intelligence to enhance preservice teacher empathy training. **Gatlin, M.D.** submitted to The National Science Foundation. Requested.

Publications

Gatlin, M.D. (2023) 6 Ways Artificial Intelligence Will Make You a Better Teacher,. submitted July 2023

Professional Presentations

International

Gatlin, M.D., Nabors, D. (2023). *"From Theory to Practice: AI in Higher Education and Preservice Teachers Perceptions"*. Digital Education Summit, 2023. Accepted.

Nabors, D., **Gatlin, M.D.** (2024). *"Collaboration of Community Colleges and a 4-year university: Creating shared experiences and Learning Opportunities that Support Teacher Candidate Success"*. Hawaii International Conference on Education, 2024. Accepted.

National

Gatlin, M.D., Coyne, J. (2023). *Preservice Teachers' Efficacy of Artificial Intelligence in the Early Childhood Classroom*. Association of Teachers 2023 Summer Conference. July 27-Aug 1.

Regional/State

Gatlin, M.D., Hickman, D., & Nabors, D. (2023). *Building Number Sense in the Early Years*. Texas School Ready Early Childhood Summer Institute. June 14-16, 2023.

Gatlin, M.D. (2023). *If You Were in Pre-school Today*. Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference. Bryan, TX. March 25, 2023.

Local

Gatlin, M.D. (2021). *Providing Student Choices in an Online Environment*. Lone Star College Faculty Symposium. Houston, TX. March 5, 2021.

Service to the Profession

Document/Textbook Reviewer (last 5 years)

Outside Reviewer – Kato, S.L. (2023). *Child and Youth Development*. Goodheart-Wilcox

Media

Gatlin, M.D. April, 2020. Lone Star College Press Release, “*Lone Star College Offers Parents Advice for Online Learning*”

Gatlin, M.D. August 2020 . Houston Chronicle, “*Q&A Lone Star College, University Park Professor offers tips for Online Learning*”

Gatlin, M.D. Aug 2020. KHOU Houston new interview, “*How to Help your Children during the Pandemic*”.

University Service and Committees (last 5 years)

Lone Star College Curriculum Team – Chair	2020-2022
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Lone Star College Curriculum Team	2015 -2020
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Professional Development (last 5 years)

Cyber Security Awareness Training	January 2023
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Diversity Awareness Training	January 2023
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Quality Matters Online	August 2022
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Professional Memberships (current)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children (SHAIEYC)

Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TAEYC)