

ALEXANDRA RICHMOND

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SUMMARY

An ambitious, driven, and empathetic doctoral student with over 10 years of practical experience in teaching, leadership, and curriculum design. My professional goals center on having an impact on students and teachers to support education systems in underserved communities through research and program evaluation. Possess exceptional communication and interpersonal skills with a proven ability to work independently and as part of a team.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana

PhD in Special Education

Expected May 2025

Purdue University

Masters in Special Education

Clark Atlanta University

Bachelor's in English Education

SKILLS & AWARDS

- Strong organizational and time-management skills
- Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills
- Detail-oriented and able to handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- *Finalist*, Research Live!, University of Illinois
- *Awardee*, Summer Research Symposium
- *Recipient*, Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Scholarship program
- *Recipient*, CEC Special Education Travel Award

CERTIFICATIONS

- Learning Behavior Specialist 1 (LBS1) - Special Education teacher license PreK-22

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor

University Of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana | 2021 - Present

Roosevelt University

- Develop and design curriculum and instruction of the course
- Organize class website and facilitate online discussion topics and student groups
- Hold weekly office hours and reviews to facilitate learning and academic development
- Evaluate pre-service teachers with quantitative and qualitative feedback during clinical and practicum experiences
- Consistently evaluated as excellent by students in the end-of-semester evaluations

Researcher

University of Illinois at | 2021 - Present

- Collect and analyze qualitative data using critical consciousness
- Lead research team in assessing effective recruitment and retention strategies for Chicago teachers using culturally relevant pedagogy
- Develop all research study logistics, including interview protocols, and marketing campaigns for successful recruitment
- Present and publish research findings at national professional conferences and peer review journals
- Selected to receive over \$300,000 of value in fellowship and scholarship funds

K12 Teacher & Case Manager

Chicago Public Schools | 2016 - 2023

- Experience teaching 3rd - 7th grade in all special education settings
- Achieved consistent academic growth and received excellent teacher evaluative rating
- Chosen as a teacher leader and led a team of teachers to build their skills in pursuit of meeting goals for improved practice and student growth outcomes
- Facilitated parent IEP meetings and ensured school remained compliant with all special education laws