

Dr. Mary C. Belknap

Professor and Program Coordinator-Teacher Education and Early Childhood
Jackson Community College, Jackson, Michigan

Educational background

Michigan State University, Ph.D.

Jackson Community College- Associates Degree

Western Michigan University, Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts

Eastern Michigan University, Early Childhood Endorsement

Spring Arbor University, Psychology endorsement

Additional post graduate work at: Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University; Michigan Teacher Certifications- Family and Consumer Science K-12, Permanent Vocational, Early Childhood Education (ZA), Psychology 9-12

Past positions related to teacher education

PreK-12 teacher including- urban preschool, alternative education, urban high school and service learning coordinator for urban district; Michigan Department of Education- Professional Standards Commission for Teachers (PSCT); Christa McAuliffe Award 1997; Network of Michigan Educators-Executive Planning Council; Jackson Great Start Executive Board; Spring Arbor University Advisory Council; and served on several National Science Foundation Teacher Education national studies.

National educational memberships including past or current positions

Association for Curriculum and Development

National Education Association

Council for the Study of Community Colleges

Association of Teacher Educators

Coalition of Essential Schools

Michigan Association of Community Colleges in Educator Preparation

National Association of Community Colleges in Teacher Education Preparation

National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs

Past NACCTEP Board positions or committees

Secretary (current)

Member at Large

What is your vision for community college teacher education programs?

Community College Teacher Education Program's are internationally respected and an integral preparation pathway of the U.S. higher education system for exemplary teachers in the 21st century, especially in the STEM fields.

What advice would you give to a future teacher?

Be passionate about what you do. Pack your "talents as a teacher" bag with as many opportunities, ideas, experiences, and tricks, learning experiences. Open every door you

can, and peak in to see what it might offer. Grow personally and professionally. Your growth helps **you, your** students, colleagues and the profession.

Interest or hobbies

I love every aspect of education and learning-especially working with students, all my family and my granddaughter Tatym. I enjoy reading, gardening, people, and especially helping others.