

**Dr. Sophia S.L. Marshall**

Director of Teacher Education Preparation Program  
Hinds Community College, Utica Campus, Jackson, Mississippi

Educational background

Ph.D. Educational Administration and Supervision, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
M.S. ed. Dyslexia Therapy, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi (currently enrolled)  
Ed. S. Educational Administration, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi,  
M.S. Ed. Curriculum and Instruction, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas  
B.S. Ed. Magna Cum Laude- Elementary Education, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi

Past positions related to teacher education

Director, Teacher Education Preparation Program, Hinds Community College, Utica Campus  
Assistant Professor, Department of Education Supervision and Instruction, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi  
Project Coordinator, Teacher Quality Enhancement Program, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi

National educational memberships including past or current positions

American Educational Research Association  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
Phi Delta Kappa International (2002)  
Kappa Delta Pi (2002)  
National Association for the Education of the Young Child  
National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs  
National Education Association

Past NACCTEP Board positions or committees

None

What is your vision for community college teacher education programs?

My vision for community college teacher education programs is that there is continuous development of quality future educators that understand their duties, embrace their responsibilities and answer their calling to teach. I believe that teacher education programs at community colleges are excellent sources for providing dedicated professionals who are sincere about teaching. With this being said, I believe that community colleges will not only provide standard guided, research based teacher education programs but also programs that are cost effective and technologically efficient.

I believe that more people will appreciate that community colleges' teacher preparation is America's best kept results driven secret. It is a vision for the greater good that propels us to meet the needs of our constituents by *thinking globally yet acting locally*.

What advice would you give to a future teacher?

My advice to a future teacher is to look beyond the ordinary and see that extraordinary possibilities for your students. Listen to those you serve then design your lessons to meet their needs. You are the professional. Finally, learn about your chosen profession and fine tune your teaching skills whenever the opportunity presents itself. As a teacher, this will keep you driven, effective, and respected.

Interest or hobbies

Theatre, writing plays and poetry, drawing, playing piano, deliberative forums, civic engagement