

**Dr. Marjorie Schiller**

Professor of Education, Lead Faculty  
Central Arizona College

Educational background

Ph.D. in Special Education

Past positions related to teacher education

Administrator of the Central Arizona College portion of the Arizona State Improvement Grant (SIG) that provides tuition for select teacher education students, 2003-present  
Division Chair/Lead Faculty, Teacher Education Division, Central Arizona College, 2003-present

Director of Federal Grant, PEP-C, Paraeducators of Pinal County, October 2000-2004  
Faculty, Undergraduate Committee Chair, Department of Art Education, Ohio State University, June 1991-August 1995

Coordinator of Project ART Professional Development School, Ohio State University, September 1991-June 1995

Graduate Assistant, student teacher supervisor, Special Education and Rehabilitation Division, University of Arizona, August 1986-1990

National educational memberships including past or current positions

Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development

American Educational Research Association

Council of Exceptional Children

National Art Education Association

National Association for the Education of Young Children

National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs

Past NACCTEP Board positions or committees

None

What is your vision for community college teacher education programs?

I would like to see more emphasis put on the community college as the best place to begin a career as a teacher. We model great teaching, have the individual support that is needed, and are an affordable alternative. Community College is also the place to find a more diverse student body and the teaching profession is in dire need of a more diverse professional profile.

What advice would you give to a future teacher?

Please understand that you are at the very beginning of an important journey. Teaching is a profession that develops over time, and you will have abundant opportunities to learn from your students every day. You need to be good at both listening and observing; students, parents, and other professionals have much to teach you.

And don't forget how influential you are in you are in your classroom. You have the power to both encourage and discourage. Use that power wisely and your students will flourish.

Interest or hobbies

Cooking, making beaded jewelry, and when I have the time, hiking.