

Janet Johnson, Ph.D.

Chair of Education
Rio Salado College, Tempe, Arizona

Educational background

Arizona State University
Bachelor degree in Elementary Education with specialization in Early Childhood
Master degree in Learning and Instructional Technology
Doctorate degree in Learning and Instructional Technology
Montessori International Teaching Certificate 3 – 6 years

Past positions related to teacher education

Elementary Teacher, five years
Owned, operated, and taught in a Montessori private school, seven years
Assistant Professor at Grand Canyon University in the College of Education, Arizona
Served on several taskforces with the Arizona State Department of Education and the Governor's office related to teacher education.

National educational memberships including past or current positions

American Educational Research Association
American Psychological Society
National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs, Secretary
National Consortium for Instruction & Cognition, Executive Officer
North American Montessori Teachers' Association

Past NACCTEP Board positions or committees

Original steering committee that created NACCTEP
Member at Large
Currently Secretary

What is your vision for community college teacher education programs?

Community college teacher education programs have the opportunity of reaching potential teachers who might not otherwise be able to afford an education. Because of this affordable education, we can reach people who are more like the children and students they will teach in the future.

My vision for community college teacher education programs is that we develop extraordinary teachers who are committed and intentional in creating an environment where students discover their talents to transcend their limitations and are compelled to succeed.

What advice would you give to a future teacher?

Teaching is the most important role you will ever have. It carries with it an incredible honor, responsibility, and opportunity to impact the world. What happens in your classroom to a large degree determines who your students will be or the rest of their lives.

Interest or hobbies

My interest and hobbies include spending time with my two special needs adult sons, spending time with my new grandson, daughter, and son-in-law in Manhattan, and traveling to our ocean 'get-away' in Rhode Island. In addition, I'm involved in micro-credit lending (provide funding) to mom's in third world countries which allows them to start their own businesses to support their families; which allows their young children to go to school rather than working to feed the family.