

LISA THOMPSON SOUSA, PHD, ATP

Current Appointment

Assistant Professor, College of Education and Professional Studies
Program Coordinator, Educational Diagnostician Program

Contact Information

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Education

PhD, Special Education, Texas Woman's University

Assessment and Identification of Disabilities; Assistive Technology

MA, Special Education and Educational Therapy, California State University, Northridge

Assessment; Educational Therapy

BA, Communicative Disorders, California State University, Northridge

Speech and Language Pathology

AA, English, Palomar College, San Marcos, California

Professional Credentialing and Certificates

Higher Education Teaching Certificate, Harvard University, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

Faculty Certification for Online Instruction Certificate, Sam Houston State University

Assistive Technology Practitioner Certificate, California State University, Northridge

Educational Diagnostician Credential, Texas

Special Education Credential, New Hampshire

Special Education Credential, Early Childhood – 12th grade, Texas

General Education Credential, Kindergarten – 4th grade, Texas

General Education Credential, 4th- 8th grade, Texas

Speech and Language Therapy Assistant, Texas

Mild to Moderate Specialist Credential, California

California Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, California

California English Learner (EL) Authorization and Cross-cultural, Language, and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate

Academic Appointments**Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator**

Educational Diagnostician Program

College of Education and Professional Studies

Sul Ross State University

Instructor

Department of Teacher Education

College of Professional Education
Texas Woman's University

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Teacher Education
College of Professional Education
Texas Woman's University

Instructor

Department of Special Education
College of Education
California State University, Fullerton

Instructor

Developmental Reading Program
Palomar College, San Marcos, California

Publications

Refereed

Thompson Sousa, L. (2023) *To Mitigate ChatGPT Plagiarism Look No Further than its References*. Faculty Focus. Magna Publishing

Thompson Sousa, L. (Fall, 2024 In Review) *Using ChatGPT to Support Students with Specific Learning Disabilities in Writing*. *Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals or for Special Education Research, Policy & Practice*

Thompson Sousa, L. (2023) *Utilizing Screencasting and Veedback: Trending toward Research Based Practice*. The Texas Forum for Teacher Education: Special Education Special Edition.

Thompson Sousa, L., Tucker, B. (2023) *Enhancing Assessment Planning in an Educator Preparation Program for Flexibility and Compliance*. The Texas Forum for Teacher Education: Special Education Special Edition.

Thompson Sousa, L. (2022) *Creating Meaningful Connections: E-journaling and Self-Assessment for Online Courses*. Faculty Focus. Magna Publishing

Ross, D., Hunter T., Thompson Sousa, L. (2022) *5 Ways to Build Reading Fluency Using Evidence-Based Practices*, Learning Disability Forum. Council for Learning Disabilities

Thompson Sousa, L. (2022) *Creating Cohesive Eligibility Decisions for Preschoolers*. EdAssess. Sul Ross State University. Alpine. Texas

Thompson Sousa, L., Haynes Smith, H. (2021) *The Need for Collaboration When Matching Computerized Assistive Technology Devices to Students Identified with Specific Learning Disabilities*, National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET).

Thompson Sousa, L. (2013). *Assistive technology evaluation expertise when matching high-technology devices to students identified with specific learning disabilities*. Texas Woman s University.

*Thompson, L. (1995) *Transdisciplinary Approach to Inclusion*. California State University, Northridge.

Non-Refereed

Thompson Sousa, L. (2023) *Practicum Handbook*, Alpine, TX: Sul Ross State University.

Thompson Sousa, L. (2022). *Educational Diagnostician Program Handbook*, Alpine, TX: Sul Ross State University.

Thompson Sousa, L. (2022). *Compliance Training for on Site Supervisors and University Supervisors for Evaluation of Students*, Alpine, TX: Sul Ross State University

Thompson Sousa, L. (2022). *Educational Diagnostician Program Handbook*, Alpine, TX: Sul Ross State University.

Thompson Sousa, L. (2022). *Site Supervisor and University Supervisor Handbook*, Alpine, TX: Sul Ross State University.

Thompson Sousa, L. (2021). *Educational Diagnostician Program Texas District Newsletter*, Alpine, TX: Sul Ross State University.

Thompson Sousa, L. (2020). *Educational Diagnostician Program Handbook*, Alpine, TX: Sul Ross State University.

Thompson Sousa, L. (2020). *Site Supervisor and University Supervisor Handbook*, Alpine, TX: Sul Ross State University.

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Presentations

2023 Thompson Sousa, L. *Current perspective: Internet Addiction and Adolescents with Disabilities*. [Brief Paper Conference Proceedings]. Society of Information Technology and Teacher Education 34th annual conference. New Orleans, LA.

2023 Thompson Sousa, L. *Evaluation practices for Low Incidence Disabilities*, Virtual, Sul Ross State University.

2023 Thompson Sousa, L. *Using RPI Scores in for richer FIE narratives*, Virtual, Sul Ross State University.

2023 Thompson Sousa, L. *Taking it to the next level: Expanding your Online Course beyond Content*. 11th Annual Digital Education Summit. Sam Houston State University, Texas.

2022 Thompson Sousa, L. *E-journaling for Blackboard*. Digital Teaching Symposium. International, Virtual, Blackboard Anthology.

2022 Thompson Sousa, L. Disability Services in Higher Education: Current Opportunities and Challenges. Saint Anselm College. Manchester, New Hampshire.

2022 Thompson Sousa, L. *How We Learn and How to Get Better at It*. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. University of North Texas. Texas

2022 Thompson Sousa, L. The Interview Process: Marketable Skills for Special Education Professionals. Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, Virtual.

2022 Thompson Sousa, L. Evolving toward Hyflex Courses and Instruction. Faculty Spotlight. Sul Ross State University. Alpine, Texas

2022 Thompson Sousa, L. Innovation Grant Outcome: Educational Diagnostician Program. Sul Ross State University. Alpine, Texas

2022 Thompson Sousa, L. The Pivot to Tele-assessment – Practice and Opportunities [Accepted/Session canceled]. Council For Exceptional Children Conference and Expo

2021 Thompson Sousa, L. *Play-Based Assessment. Expert Panel*. Dal Metro Texas Educational Diagnostician Association. Dallas, Texas.

2021 Thompson Sousa, L. *Evaluation practices for Low Incidence Disabilities*, Low Incidence Disabilities Conference. Region 10 Service Center, Texas.

2019 Thompson Sousa, L. *Evaluation of Non-Categorical Early Childhood Disability*. Plano ISD, Texas.

2018 Thompson Sousa, L. *Accommodations and Modifications for Learners*. Plano ISD, Texas.

2013 Thompson Sousa, L. *Computerized Assistive Technology for Learning Disabilities*. Instructional Technology Conference. Region 10, Texas.

2013 Thompson Sousa, L. *Response to Intervention Programming for Secondary Students*. Quinlan Independent School District, Quinlan, Texas.

2011 *Thompson Scrofano, L. *Disproportionate Practices in Special Education*. Texas Council for Exceptional Children, Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

2011 *Thompson Scrofano, L. *Developing Online Personal Learning Networks for Special Educators*. Texas Council for Exceptional Children, Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

2011 *Thompson Scrofano, L. *Phonemic Awareness and Direct Instruction*. Reading Success Network, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California.

1998 *Thompson Scrofano, L. *Informal Reading Inventories*. Escondido Unified School District in Partnership with Reading Success Network, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California.

1997*Thompson Scrofano, L. *Learning Differences in the Classroom*. Escondido Unified School District, Escondido, California.

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Awards

2023 International Anthology Exemplary Course Program Award, Advanced Survey Exceptional Children

2022 International Anthology Exemplary Course Program Award, Practicum

2022 International Anthology Exemplary Course Program Award, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

2022 SACSCOC Program Peer Review, Sul Ross State University, Top Academic Program Assessment

2022 Omega Gamma Chi Honor Society

2011 Golden Key Honor Society

2010 Sondra Bonnington Award, Texas Woman's University

Grants

2023 Thompson Sousa, L., AI Applications for Individuals with Disability. Sul Ross State University [Status Awarded]

2022 Thompson Sousa, L., Research Enhancement Grant. Hyflex Instruction. Sul Ross State University [Status Awarded]

2022 Training Partnership Program. Pearson. Secured testing and materials for standardized testing for disabilities for advancement of Educational Diagnostician Program free of charge to students. (\$15,000 program materials annually for 3-years) [Status: Awarded]

2019 Training Partnership Program. Pearson. Secured testing and materials for standardized testing for disabilities for advancement of Educational Diagnostician Program free of charge to students. (\$15,000 program materials annually for 3-years). [Status: Awarded]

2021 Thompson Sousa, L., Hayes, R. Infusing *Evidence Based Assistive Technology Applications and Practice to improve the outcomes of students with high intensity disabilities (E-TAP)*. Interdisciplinary Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services for Personnel Serving Children with Disabilities who have High-Intensity Needs (CFDA 84.325K), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, U.S. Department of Education (\$1,250,000). Role: Principal Investigator [Status: unfunded]

2021 Thompson Sousa, L. Innovation Grant. *Normative Update for Psychometric Tests. Educational Diagnostician Program*. Sul Ross State University [Status: Awarded]

1995 *Thompson, L., Research Grant. *Transdisciplinary Approach to Service Delivery*. California State University Northridge [Status: Awarded]

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Editorial and Ad-Hoc Peer Review

2023 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Peer Reviewer E-learning Professional Development, Peer Review
 2023 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) - Program Peer Review of Educator Preparation Programs for Universities, Peer Review
 2022 International Journal for Special Education, Peer Review
 2022-2023 EdAssess, Sul Ross State University, Editor
 2021 Exemplary Course Program, Blackboard Anthology, Peer Review

Service

Professional

2023 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) - Division of Learning Disabilities: Public Policy Committee
 2023 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Public Policy Team, State Level
 2023 Effective Advocacy on Disability Topics with the Texas Legislature, Meeting
 2023 Council for Exceptional Children's Committee for Program Evaluation
 2023 Texas Association of College Teachers, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Letter of Support For State Legislature
 2022 Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), U.S. Department of Education, Representative for Minority Serving Institutes (MSI)
 2022 Quality Matters Higher Education Rubric, Sixth Edition, review
 2022 Plano ISD, Early Childhood Evaluation
 2021 Governor's Committee Meeting on People with Disabilities, Covid Response and Health Care for People with Disabilities, Texas
 2021 Educational Diagnostician EPP, TEA, Texas
 2021 Educational Diagnostician Professional Exam Pilot #253. Pearson
 2021 Content Advisory Committee (253) Educational Diagnostician, Pearson
 2021 Programs Committee - Dal Metro Texas Educational Diagnostician Association
 2013-2022 Founder and Facilitator, Texas Educational Diagnostician Forum

University

2023 - present Chair, Research Council, Sul Ross State University
 2021 - present Online Distance Education Committee - Sul Ross State University
 2021 –present Institutional Review Board Committee- Sul Ross State University
 2021 –present Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee and Council – Sul Ross State University
 2019 – present Educational Diagnostician Student Organization – Sul Ross State University
 2021- 2023 Research Council, Sul Ross State University
 2023 Women's Conference Scholarship Committee
 2022 SRSU, RGC Online Course development, Exceptional Learners
 2019 –2020 Teaching Council – Sul Ross State University

- 2020 Dyslexia Module- Sul Ross State University, College of Education and Professional Studies
- 2019 Assistive Technology Blackboard Organization for Faculty – Sul Ross State University