

## **Trina Fortner Wood, Ed.D.**

### **Experience**

University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA  
**Lecturer, Department of Literacy and Special Education**  
August 2020 - Present

Rome City Schools, Rome, GA  
**Career and Technical Instruction Coordinator**  
August 2019 - July 2020

University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA  
**Adjunct Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Department of Literacy and Special Education**  
January 2018 - July 2020

Floyd County Board of Education, Rome, GA  
**Director of Special Education and 504**  
May 2016 - July 2019

Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, GA  
**Career Transition Specialist**  
March 2015 - April 2016

Cherokee County Board of Education, Centre, AL  
**Interim Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Special Education, Curriculum, Assessment, 504, and Attendance**  
February 1999 - February 2015

Etowah County Board of Education, Gadsden, AL  
**Assistant Principal**  
August 1997 - February 1999

Winston County Board of Education, Double Springs, AL  
**Special Education Teacher**  
August 1993 - July 1997

DeKalb County Board of Education, Fort Payne, AL  
**Science Teacher**  
August 1992 - July 1993

Phenix City Board of Education, Phenix City, AL  
**Science Teacher**  
August 1990 - July 1992

## **Education**

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Doctor of Education** - May 2000

Area of concentration: Instructional Leadership

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Educational Specialist** - May 1998

Area of concentration: Educational Leadership

University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

**Master's Certification** - May 1996

Area of concentration: Educational Leadership

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Educational Specialist** - May 1995

Area of concentration: Mild Learning and Behavior Disorders

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Master of Arts** - August 1993

Area of concentration: Specific Learning Disabilities

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Bachelor of Science**- August 1990

Area of concentration: Secondary Education - Biology

## **Publications and Presentations**

- Dissertation: Fortner, Trina. M. (2000). The effect of gender and the term a course is taught in the block schedule structure on stanford achievement test mathematics scores.
- Panelist/Presenter at the AEA East Regional Conference "Special Education and 504 Issues and the Laws, Policies, and Procedures that Govern Special Education and 504." (2006)
- Guest Presenter University of Alabama Educational Leadership Graduate Classes: "Special Education Issues You Will Face as a School Administrator and Proactive Steps to Reduce Litigation." (2001-2005)
- Presenter at Alabama Council of Administrator of Special Education for New Special Education Directors and Coordinators: "Organizational Strategies for New Special Education Directors" (2003-2014)
- Keynote Speaker at the Cherokee County Schools In-service:: "Lee v. Macon Overview and Required Training" (1999)
- Guest Speaker at the Cherokee County Rotary Club Annual Meeting: "What is Going Right in our Local Schools." (2014) Interview with WEIS Radio: Special Education, 504, and Safety in our Schools - What Parents Need to Know." (2014)
- Floyd County Schools Kickoff - "Special Education and 504 Overview" (2016-2018)
- CTI Fall Leadership Conference Facilitator: "Employment and Professional Skills Needed to be Successful." (2019)

### **Achievements/Honors**

- University of Alabama National Alumni Leadership Scholarship
- Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society
- Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society
- Essential Facilitation for IEPs Certification
- University of Alabama Superintendents' Academy
- University of Alabama Community College Leadership Academy
- State Secretary - Alabama Council for Administrators of Special Education
- State Board of Directors - Council for Leaders of Alabama Schools
- Regional Recruitment Representative - Council for Leaders of Alabama Schools
- Regional Secretary/Treasurer - Alabama Association of Prevention Attendance and Support Services
- Google Certified Level 1 Educator
- Capturing Kids' Hearts Certified
- Mindset Certified
- Georgia School Superintendents' Association District Office PDP Consortium
- Georgia Special Education Leadership Development Academy
- AdvancED Associate Lead Evaluator
- Chris A.Z. Dendy Outstanding Service Award Recipient
- Grambling University Dissertation Committee Member
- State Board of Directors - Georgia Association of Career Technical Instruction Coordinators

### **Affiliations**

- Council for Exceptional Children
- National Association of Special Education Teachers
- Council for Administrators of Special Education
- National School Reform Faculty
- Council for Leaders of Alabama Schools (retired division)