

# Pamela Cowie Patrick

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## Summary

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- 20+ years of teaching experience
- National Board Certification – Early Childhood Generalist
- Master’s Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Extensive experience teaching adult learners
- Actively seek experiences to enhance personal and professional interests
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

## Education

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National Board Certification, November 2001  
Early Childhood Generalist

Master’s Degree in Early Childhood Education, June 1996  
Alabama A & M University, Normal, AL

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, December 1970  
Millsaps College, Jackson, MS

## Employment History

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### With University Students

2006-present      Lecturer, University of Alabama in Huntsville

### With Elementary Students

1986-2006      Huntsville City Schools (HCS), Huntsville, AL  
1996-2006      Kindergarten and First Grade Teacher, Hampton Cove Elem.  
1993-1996      Kindergarten Teacher, Monte Sano Elementary  
1987-1990      Kindergarten Teacher, Monte Sano Elementary  
1986-1987      First Grade Teacher, Colonial Hills Elementary (now MLK Elem.)  
1973-1974      Third Grade Teacher, Duval County Schools, Jacksonville, FL  
1971-1973      First and 5/6 Grade Teacher, DeKalb County School, Decatur, GA  
1971              First Grade Teacher, Jackson Public Schools, Jackson, MS

### With Adult Learners

1990-1993      HASP Teacher Trainer, University of Alabama in Huntsville  
1993-1994      Cal-Tech Module Development Program, Pasadena, CA &  
Huntsville, AL

## Relevant Experience

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### Lecturer, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Supervisor of Student Teachers and Mentor of First Year Teachers, 2006-present

- Supervise elementary education student interns
- Mentor First Year Teachers
- Gather survey data from interns and teachers

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## **Building-Based Student Support Team, Hampton Cove Elementary, Huntsville, AL** Primary Grade Representative, 2004-06

- Reviewed teacher referrals and offered suggestions and strategies to help students with academic and behavioral needs
- Served on team as writer and typist to develop and produce letters of short-term goals and strategies to send to parents

## **Alabama Kindergarten Conference, Huntsville, AL**

Grant Writer and Secretary, 1999-2003

- Wrote grants to help secure funding for this regional conference
- Facilitated funding access for teachers in Huntsville City Schools
- Served on the Alabama Kindergarten Conference Board of Directors

## **Lesley College's Program Evaluation and Research Group, Boston, MA**

Field Observer, Huntsville, AL, 1998-1999

- Evaluated various components of professional development programs for school systems involved in local systemic change initiatives
- Wrote and submitted core evaluation protocols to Lesley College for review

## **Huntsville Alliance for Science Project (HASP), Huntsville, AL**

Consultant and Teacher Trainer, 1993-1996

- Contracted as a consultant and visiting teacher trainer in TN, LA, OK and various city and county school systems in AL
- Trained teachers in the use of science modules for their grade level and introduced them to systemic change in the area of assessment and inquiry learning

## **Cal-Tech Module Development Program, Pasadena, CA and Huntsville, AL**

Teacher/Scientist Team, 1993-1994

- Served as a partner teacher with a university professor whose team helped to develop (in Pasadena) and test (in Huntsville) new science modules
- Returned to University of Alabama in Huntsville to co-teach this module with the university professor to area elementary school teachers as part of the university's professional development program

## **Teacher-to-Teacher, PBS television series hosted by Mr. Wizard**

Featured teacher, 1993

- Focused on my teaching of HASP "WOOD" module in this nationally televised teacher training series
- Aired for several years and was a part of a movement to systemically change science instruction at the national level

## **Huntsville Alliance for Science Project (HASP), Huntsville, AL**

Teacher Trainer, 1990-1993

- Trained HCS kindergarten through sixth grade teachers on the use of science modules
- Introduced teachers to in-depth discussions of inquiry learning and assessment strategies consistent with hands-on learning
- Developed assessment tools to accompany modules

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- Facilitated use of science modules in classrooms by modeling teaching strategies in teachers' classrooms
- Worked with school leadership team to implement changes in teaching strategies through use of science modules

## **Earthwatch Education Program, Watertown, MA**

Field Research Fellowship Recipient, *Caverns of Time*, Kerr County, TX, 1991

- Participated in two-week scientific field research investigations exploring environmental changes in Hall's Cave in Kerr County, TX

## **Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), Montgomery, AL**

Mini-Grant Recipient, 1990

- Received funds to develop and purchase materials for a paleontology unit to be used with kindergarten students

## **The Writer's Consortium, Huntsville, AL**

Author/Writer, 1987-1989

- Authored high-interest elementary age biographies of two famous Alabama women, Tallulah Bankhead and Maria Howard Weeden, as part of a series entitled *Recollections of Valor: Biographies of American Women*
- Toured in north Alabama sharing the writing process with students in various elementary and middle schools

## **Ruth Hindman Foundation, Huntsville, AL**

Fellow Grant Recipient, 1988 and 1985

- Received funds to help complete re-certification process for elementary education
- Received funds to develop and publish a compilation of original social studies curriculum ideas for Huntsville City Schools kindergarten teachers

## **Huntsville City Schools Social Studies Fair and Alabama State Social Studies Fair**

Prize Winner, 1986 and 1987

- Planned and implemented a Pen Pal writing project with a school in New York City for use with kindergarten students
- Planned and implemented a social studies project highlighting famous African Americans for use with first grade students

## **La Leche League International (LLL), Jacksonville, FL, New Orleans, LA, and Huntsville, AL**

Editor of Monthly Regional Newsletter, LLL Leader and Chairman of Leader Applicants  
1975-1982

- Led monthly meetings in which mothers of young children came to gain support and information about breastfeeding and care of infants
- Trained other LLL leaders in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana
- Solicited, edited, and produced a monthly newsletter of regional LLL interest for members

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## Volunteer Work

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2008-present	Board Member, Friends, Inc., Huntsville, AL
2005-2007	Volunteer, Friends, Inc., Huntsville, AL
2004-present	Kids' Night Out at Monte Sano Baptist Church (monthly outreach and respite care for handicapped young adults)
2005-2006	Reading, math, English tutor for elementary and middle school students
1998-2005	Volunteer staff of Hampton Cove Elementary School yearbook, <u>The HAWK</u>
1996-1999	Filled various volunteer roles in extra curricular activities such as Community Ballet, Dixie Softball League, AYSO Soccer, Rocket City Swim League
1983-1987	PTA membership chair, secretary, parent volunteer Monte Sano Elem.
1975-1982	Leader, Editor, Trainer, La Leche League Intern't'l, LA, MS, AL, FL