

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Christine Cocozza Ed.D.

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### **EDUCATION:**

**Ed.D. K-12 Educational Leadership (June, 2014)** Immaculata University 1145 King Rd,  
Immaculata, PA 19345

Specialization: Gifted and talented, GIEP writing, in-service planning and supervision

Dissertation Title: Elementary Teachers' Perceptions Of Effective Instructional Practices

For Gifted Education

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Carol Anne Couchara Ed.D.

**MAT Secondary Education, (May, 2004)** Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Concentrations: Secondary Education

Student Teaching: Woodland Hills, 2430 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**B.A. History and Political Science, (Dec., 2001)** University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Concentrations: Modern American Politics and Contemporary Asian History

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

- Educating Gifted Learners
- STEM Initiatives
- Technology Integration
- Teacher Professional Development

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Educational Sabbatical, June 2017 to August 2018**

Methacton High School, 1005 Kriebel Mill Road, Eagleville PA, 19403

Goals: Research modern ways to teach global climate change and evolution; create an educational photo journal of North America; obtain support materials for Geology elective that I co-authored

Responsibilities: Meet the goals stated above while communicating my progress to the stakeholders in the Methacton School District.

**Co-Author Geology Curriculum**, September 2016 to May 2017

Methacton High School, 1005 Kriebel Mill Road, Eagleville PA, 19403

Goals: Write the curriculum for Methacton School Districts Geology Elective

Responsibilities: Creating a dynamic and hands on curriculum to meet the NGSS for Earth Science in a half year elective course

**Authored Graduate Course EDL670 *Foundations of Gifted Education***, February 2016 to

Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA, 19345

Responsibilities: - Create a syllabus that met University and State Graduate course requirements

- Authored the course content including direct instruction, projects, video's and other supplementary course material

- Used Echo 360 to create video content

**Teacher Mentor**, June 2015 onwards

Methacton High School, 1005 Kriebel Mill Road, Eagleville PA, 19403

Candidate: Briana Luancing

Responsibilities: promote the growth and development of the beginning teacher to improve student learning

**Dissertation Committee Member**, October 2014 onwards

Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA, 19345

Candidate: Dan Snyderman

Dissertation Subject: Authentic Instruction and Gifted Education

**Co-President**, June 2014 onwards

Montgomery County Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)

Responsibilities: - Run the Montgomery County PJAS Regional Science Fair competition

- Promote science education in Montgomery County

**Teacher**, Fall 2011 onwards

Methacton High School, 1005 Kriebel Mill Road, Eagleville PA, 19403

Courses Taught: Biology

Co-taught Environmental Science

Academic Environmental Science

Responsibilities: - Teaching biology and environmental science to a diverse group of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students

- GIEP Case Manager for 25 gifted students

- Curriculum writing to align to the Next Generation Science Standards

- Analyzing and reporting on data to inform instruction in the classroom

- Serving on the school data analysis team and

**Teacher**, Fall 2005 to Spring 2011

Arcola Middle School, 4001-A Eagleville Road, Eagleville PA, 19403

Courses Taught: Co-taught & Academic & Honors Physical Science

Responsibilities: - Teaching Physical science to a diverse group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

- GIEP Case Manager for 25 gifted students

- Curriculum writing to align to the Next Generation Science Standards

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association (2004 onwards)  
 Montgomery County Science Teachers Association (2004 onwards)  
 Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) (2008 onwards)

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Outstanding Teacher Award: Student Connections, Methacton School District 2014  
 Discovery Education Star Educator Award: 2012

**PUBLICATION & PRESENTATIONS:**

Cocozza, C. (2015). (May, 2015). *Using teacher-created videos to increase student performance in the classroom*. Eagleville, PA: Methacton in-service.

Cocozza, C. (2014). (May, 2014). *Using student-collected data to improve student outcomes on state standardized assessments*. Eagleville, PA: Methacton in-service.

Cocozza, C. (2014). *Elementary teachers' perceptions of effective instructional practices for gifted education*. Doctoral Dissertation, Immaculata University, College of Education.

Cocozza, C. (2015). *Further addressing elementary teachers' perceptions of effective instructional practices for gifted education*. Harrisburg, PA, Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators Conference.

**GRANT:**

2013 – PitConn Pittsburgh Conference Grant \$ 250

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

Science Fair Mentor	2006 onwards
E-Cyber Mission Judge	2012 onwards
DuPont Challenge Judge	2006 to 2016
Habitat for Humanity Club Co-Mentor	2012 to 2016
BioGENEious International Judge	2015
Superintendent Search Committee	2013
Middle School Principal Search Committee	2010