

Laura Graham Garner

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EDUCATION **Master of Arts in Teaching** **2009**
Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science **1988**
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina

LICENSURE **Professional Educator's License (North Carolina)** **2008**
Elementary Education (Grades K-6)

CERTIFICATIONS **American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor** 1982- Present
 American Red Cross Lifeguarding Instructor 1984- Present
 ARC CPR for Professional Rescuer Instructor 1984- Present
 American Red Cross First Aid Instructor 1984- Present
 PADI Open Water Scuba Diving 1984
 PADI Advance Scuba Diving 1985
 PADI Rescue Diving 1986
 Certified Pool Operator 1989

EMPLOYMENT

Aquatics Director/ Faculty **August 2017- Present**
Winston Salem State University

- Taught all university curriculum classes in Aquatics
- Manage lifeguards
- Develop new aquatic classes
- Participate in data collection for summer grant driven program
- Oversee pool upgrades
- Teach community classes
- Work community organizations such as Boys and Girls Club to promote and teach water education

Educator **August 2010-August 2017**
Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools-Ward Elementary

- Second Grade all subjects
- Third Grade all subjects
- Grade level chair
- TAC representative
- Junior Achievement liaison
- Hospitality committee member

Primary Reading Teacher/Writing Specialist**August 2008-May 2010**

Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools- Griffith Elementary

- Third Grade writing specialist
- Second Grade guided reading groups and testing

Substitute Teacher**August 2004- May 2008**

Forsyth Country Day School, Clemmons, NC

- Substitute teacher grade K-12

Interim Associate Director of Aquatics**January 2002-May 2002**

Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC

- Taught Lifeguarding, CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens, AED in college curriculum

Director of Health Services**August 1990-October 1996**

American Red Cross, North West North Carolina Chapter, Winston-Salem, NC

- Marketing and Coordinating classes for workplace and community CPR, First Aid, AIDS Education, Babysitting raising \$136,000 annually
- Supervise 12 per diem instructors
- Aquatics Director, responsible for all water safety classes and maintain National Standard of Excellence
- Chair, American Red Cross State Marketing Task Force
- Clients include R.J. Reynolds, Medical Director: N.C. Department of Transportation, Safety Officer: Duke Power, Training Specialist
- Monitored and controlled inventory
- Instituted and increased participation in water safety programs by 90%
- Scheduled, equipped and requited over 1000 volunteers for CPR, First Aid and Water Safety Instruction
- Budgeted, planned, coordinated and organized special events
- Managed community service workers
- Created community free Learn to Swim program with participation from WSSU, WFU, Salem College, Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation pools

Missionary**December 1990-April 1991**

Sikonge, Tanzania, Africa

- Taught Sikonge Secondary School students, College Preparation

Interim CPR/Lifeguarding/First Aid Instructor**August 1991-December1991**

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

- Taught Lifeguarding, CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens, AED in college curriculum

Assistant Director of Safety Services

August 1988-August 1990

Greensboro Chapter, Greensboro, NC

- Taught, organized and facilitated in health classes

Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department

May 1981-July 1988

Winston-Salem, NC

- Manager
- Implemented programs for senior citizens and preschoolers
- managed staff and lifeguard

COMMUNITY SERVICE

South Suburban Area Plan

November 2009-March 2011

Winston-Salem, NC

- Community Service Advisory Committee

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Diversity in Aquatics Conference

April 2019

Miami, Florida

Historically Black and State Colleges and Universities in North Carolina, Aquatic facilities and curriculum discrepancies. Applied

Asked to serve on panel focusing on Historically Black Colleges in Aquatics

North Carolina Recreational Sports Association

October 2019

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Historically Black and State Colleges and Universities in North Carolina, Aquatic facilities and curriculum discrepancies. Applied

Asked to serve on a panel discussing recreation and job placement

Committee Memberships

Diversity in Aquatics

August 2019

WSSU Aquatics