

## Mary Alice Kritsonis, EdD

Dr. Mary Alice Kritsonis earned her BS in Speech, Hearing, and Language Therapy in 1976 and her MEd in Supervision in 1983 from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1991, she earned her Education Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Dr. Kritsonis earned her EdD in Special Education with emphasis in Early Childhood Special Education from the University of Memphis, Tennessee.

Her doctoral experiences included training at the Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities and the Evan R. Harwood Day Training Center. She also observed and received training at the Transitional Care Unit of Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Women's Hospital. Dr. Kritsonis worked with children, birth-2, who were developmentally delayed or medically diagnosed with established risk for delayed development in the Project Memphis and Mommies and Me programs.

Dr. Kritsonis began her career as a speech therapist. She has worked as a severe language disorder teacher and a special education teacher working with students with mild/moderate disabilities in both the self-contained and resource settings. She has served as a member of a pupil appraisal team as a speech pathologist. Her school experiences range from the preschool to high school level. Dr. Kritsonis has also worked at the university level as a special education professor and a university supervisor of student teachers.

Dr. Kritsonis served as a professor in the Special Education Department at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. While at the university, she served as the On-Site Coordinator for the Non-Categorical Preschool/Early Intervention Personnel Recruitment and Enhancement Project. Dr. Kritsonis was also a University Mentor in the Special Education Mentorship Program. She was honored as the only professor at the university appointed by the Governor of Louisiana to the Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council.

Dr. Kritsonis is author or coauthor of many journal articles. She is also coauthor of a textbook: *Fostering Effective Development in Students with Mild Disabilities: A Program Model and Resource Guide*. She also conducted workshops on *Writing for Professional Publication in National Refereed, Peer-Review Journals*.

Currently, Dr. Kritsonis is the Executive Editor, Online Editor, and National Research and Manuscript Preparation Editor for National FORUM Journals ([www.nationalforum.com](http://www.nationalforum.com)). She has an established national reputation as being highly competent and proficient in applying the precise publishing guidelines of the American Psychological Association (APA). In her role with National FORUM Journals, Dr. Kritsonis has worked with numerous authors and has prepared over 600 manuscripts for national and international dissemination. She has assumed this role since 1986. Dr. Kritsonis lives in Houston, Texas with her husband and dog, Romeo.