Greetings ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to your online graduate course at the University of Dayton. I am Professor George Scheuermann, a full-time faculty member in the Department of Teacher Education and the Director of the Transition to Teaching online graduate licensure program. I will be your instructor for most, if not all, of your special education content courses in this program.

 I have been an instructor at U.D. for nearly ten years and have been teaching online courses for nearly that long. I have been in education for 37 years and served as a special educator in the Dayton Public Schools for 30 years. During that time, I taught students with disabilities as an Intervention Specialist and also worked as a Curriculum Specialist, Supervisor and Director of Special Education. My experiences allowed me to work with students with both high- and low-incidence disabilities at all grade level. Here at U.D., I have written and revised many online courses in the IS program and continue to work on improving them as we prepare for a Quality Matters (QM) review of our online courses.

My professional interests include online learning, teacher retention and technology in education. My outside hobbies and interests include reading, bridge, fishing, gardening and tennis. I am married and my wife and I have two great boys in their early twenties—both currently in college. My wife is an Early Interventionist and works with preschool students with disabilities in the Dayton Schools. She enjoys shopping, reading and long walks and collects snowman decorations, clocks and teddy bears. What can I say?

I’m sure you will find this program both challenging and enriching as you prepare to work as an Intervention Specialist. You will progress through the courses with your cohort and support each other as you complete the sequence of classes. I encourage you to take advantage of the expertise of your instructors and collaborate closely with your classmates. Good luck!