

Program Evaluation Resume

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., May 1993, Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Dissertation Research Award recipient and Doctoral Fellow, 1990-1991, Graduate School, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

SELECTED EVALUATION EXPERIENCE

Consultant (full-time, May 1995-date). As President of the firm TA Consulting, provides evaluation, research, planning and related services for organizations. Has also authored or co-authored many evaluation reports and publications on distance and virtual learning topics.

Evaluator. Leading evaluation of Georgia Virtual School, Georgia Department of Education (2007).

Evaluator. Participating as a member of a team evaluating the Illinois Advanced Placement Grant Program, Illinois State Board of Education, 2006-2008.

Evaluator. Led an evaluation of the Chicago Public Schools Virtual High School program, 2006.

Primary evaluator. Led evaluation of \$9.1 million project funded through the U. S. Department of Education's Star Schools program, 2000-2005.

Evaluation consultant. Participated as a member of a team evaluating the use of online and computer based learning in the U. S. Department of Labor Job Corps Program, 2003-2004.

Evaluation team co-lead. Evaluation of the Illinois Virtual High School for the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Math and Science Academy, 2001-2002.

Evaluator. Acted as evaluator, TechKnowledgey VTLC project, Western Illinois University, 1999-2000.

Evaluation consultant. Acted as consultant and evaluator for rural Illinois school districts completing technology plans and small state-funded projects, 1998-2000

Evaluation consultant. Conducted focus group research for a federal Technology Innovation Challenge Grant funded project, 1999.

Evaluator. Acted as evaluator, mobile workforce education delivery system developed by New Start, Inc. for Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 1995-1997.

Biographical Sketch
Tom Clark, PhD
External Evaluator

Dr. Tom Clark serves as President of TA Consulting, an innovative research and evaluation firm founded in 1995. He holds a 1993 PhD in Educational Administration, from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and was a Dissertation Research Award recipient and Doctoral Fellow. Cited in *Who's Who in America* as an expert in distance and virtual learning, Dr. Clark is the author or co-author of numerous studies as well as professional articles, and the books *Distance Education: The Foundations of Effective Practice* (Jossey-Bass, 1991) and *Virtual Schools: Planning for Success* (Teachers College Press, 2005).

From 2000-2005, Dr. Clark served as primary evaluator of the \$9.1 million STAR project, funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Education Star Schools Program. For this project Dr. Clark conducted a multi-state, multi-site evaluation of technology-based professional development and student instruction. The evaluation was formative and summative, using both quantitative and qualitative methods. As external evaluator, he collaborated with internal evaluators to conduct pilot/field test studies, develop performance indicators as per federal GPRA reporting guidelines, and to monitor and report project progress on associated measures.

Dr. Clark has experience in the evaluation of K-12 and adult education programs and professional development activities in the context of No Child Left Behind and other state and federal mandates. He has led or participated in evaluations of a variety of educational programs. Examples include:

- Illinois Advanced Placement Grants program, Illinois State Board of Education (2006-2008)
- Georgia Virtual School program, Georgia Department of Education (2007)
- Virtual High School program, Chicago Public Schools (2005-2006)
- Job Corps Program, U. S. Department of Labor (2002-2004)
- Illinois Virtual High School program, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Illinois State Board of Education (2002)
- STAR Project, Western Illinois University and USDLC Consortium (2000-2005)
- TechKnowledge VTLC program, Western Illinois University (1999-2000).

Dr. Clark draws upon an extensive network of researchers and evaluators in meeting the specific requirements of funded evaluations.