



**Phillip Stager**

**COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

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Phillip Stager, a Spanish teacher at Plano West Senior High School, is currently pursuing his doctorate at TWU in special education. His research interests include the development and implementation of instructional strategies for diverse learners in foreign language settings and Spanish literacy development.

Stager received his bachelor's from Texas Tech University (magna cum laude) in Spanish and his master's in bilingual education at Southern Methodist University (summa cum laude). He taught in the Lubbock area for four years when offered a teaching position in Plano in 2001.

Over the years, Stager began noticing every student had his/her own unique way of acquiring knowledge. Some students learned best by hearing the information and others by seeing it. Some students preferred “acting things out.” Whenever he appealed to the students' preferred style of learning they made a connection with the curriculum and became much more motivated about learning and learned at a faster pace.

Stager has also served as an adjunct professor at TWU for two semesters teaching “Learners with Exceptionalities,” a special education segment.

Upon graduation, he would like to continue his research in finding additional, more creative instructional methods to increase motivation levels and boost achievement potentials for students in need.

Stager enjoys travel and has lived in Barcelona, Spain and Mexico, which has only added to his love of foreign languages. He resides in North Dallas.