

Scott Nierendorf, EASTCONN's Director of Teaching and Learning

An educator for 30 years, Scott has held positions across the education spectrum that have helped him advance his leadership craft. For more than 15 years, he worked in a public school environment. Teaching roles in elementary and middle schools provided a solid foundation for curriculum, instruction and classroom management. While supporting teachers with educational technology, he refined a customized coaching approach to professional learning, and expanded his use of current technology to enhance teaching, learning and communication.

Beyond the classroom, Scott served in school leadership positions as an assistant principal and principal. Through collaboration with other leaders, he developed a passion for using a team approach to program development and problem-solving.

Scott has worked in Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs) across Connecticut. Starting as an education specialist supporting technology integration, he moved into a leadership role for CREC, one of EASTCONN's sister RESCs. There, he designed a collaborative model of leadership, blending educational and information technology (IT) services, and served as liaison between the statewide RESC Alliance, the Connecticut State Department of Education and local school districts.

As EASTCONN's Director of Teaching and Learning, Scott draws upon all of his prior experience. He supervises programs that support educators at all levels, including practicing administrators (Center of Educational Leadership), administrator candidates (CAT), teachers (via a range of professional learning services), students (Interdistrict Grant programs), beginning teachers (TEAM), and a wide range of educators and professionals who use the EASTCONN Conference Center (Conference Services) in Hampton.

Scott earned both his master's in Instructional Technology and his (092) Sixth-Year Certificate from Central Connecticut State University. He has a bachelor's in Psychology from California State University, Los Angeles.

Scott continues to explore mindful approaches to leadership that foster benefits for all members of the education community. Contact Scott at snierendorf@eastconn.org.