

# Kathy Balkman

## **How many classes/years have you taught at Life Quest?**

- This is my first class

## **Please list your most recent job title:**

- Associate Professor of Special Education, UALR

## **What is your educational background?**

- BSE Secondary Education and MA in Special Education, and licensure in various teaching areas. Experience working with students and adults with disabilities as a teacher and an administrator with the public school system;
- Associate Professor of Special Education at Henderson State University and UALR;
- Consultant for Special Education Services with AR Dept of Education;
- Consultant for Special Education Services and Special Education Administration with public and private schools in AR and other states

## **Please list experiences, awards or recognition you've had which are related (or not!) to your upcoming class topic:**

- Recognized as the 2018 Female Volunteer of the Year for Veteran Affairs, Central Arkansas Health Care System.
- Participate with the Veterans History Project conducting or participating in over 70 interviews all of which were submitted to the Library of Congress)

## **Please tell us why you like to (or are interested in) teaching at LifeQuest:**

- Enjoy teaching and watching others learn new ideas, techniques, skills, etc.

## **List three distinctive personal facts about yourself:**

1. Very interested in family genealogy
2. Enjoy traveling around Scotland and Ireland (would love to live there for a period of time!)
3. Proud to be an American and a Celt