Alison Hock has taught undergraduate courses in Special Education for 14 years. During that time, she has inspired and enlightened hundreds of students, and has helped students understand the real-world challenges and opportunities they will face as educators, regardless of their chosen teaching field. Students from a variety of teaching majors took Alison’s classes, in which they learned how to teach students with disabilities who will be in their classes, no matter what the grade or subject area. Students have consistently expressed their appreciation for Alison’s enthusiasm, her knowledge of what teachers need to know, her creativity in approaching difficult situations, and most of all, her passion for ensuring all students receive the best possible education. Alison’s students left her courses with an understanding of what will be expected of them as teachers of all students, including students with disabilities, and confidence that are well prepared to begin their teaching career.

Alison has been an energetic, involved member of our Special Education program, and we are sorry that our students will no longer have the benefit of her experiences and insights. However, we know that Alison has many exciting things waiting for her in retirement, including more time with her children and grandchildren!! We wish her all the best!