

Helena Curtain's Bio

Dr. Helena Curtain has varied experience as a foreign/second language educator and has taught at elementary school through university levels. She served as Foreign Language Curriculum Specialist for the Milwaukee Public Schools for many years and in that capacity coordinated and supervised K-12 foreign language and ESL programs. She served as associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and directed the Foreign Language and ESOL teacher preparation programs. She is the author of various articles dealing with language instruction and the co-author (with Carol Ann Dahlberg) of *Languages and Children: Making the Match* (4th Ed.) a well-known resource for language educators.

Helena Curtain is active professionally and has received both state, regional, and national awards for her service to the language teaching profession. She is an internationally known expert on second language teaching methodology and curriculum development, bilingual education, immersion programs and two-way immersion programs, especially at the elementary school level.

She has also served as speaker, consultant and visiting professor both nationally throughout the United States including Alaska and Hawaii; and internationally in Austria, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Laos, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Venezuela.