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Dr. Karen Irving

Dr. Karen Irving is an associate professor in science education and oversees the science M. Ed. and the B. S. Ed programs. Students in the science education program focus on the nature of science, teaching and learning science safely, science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and disciplinary core ideas in physics, chemistry, life science, earth and space science and engineering. Science education interns participate in field experiences at COSI as well as in schools in the Columbus area. Faculty from Arts and Science and Engineering co-teach five lesson sequences in the second science education methods course.

Use of Data in Science Education

Data from the review of the edTPA assessments indicated that our interns needed strengthening in the area of Academic Language. A review of our program examined how we introduced and reinforced the use of Academic Language. We adopted a new text book and introduced more targeted feedback both during class and on class assignments to encourage students to deepen their understanding.

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Student Teaching Requirements: Supervisors

Student Teachers are carefully supervised by university employed supervisors. We are fortunate our supervisors have significant P-12 teaching experience as well as experience as mentors.

Supervisors are required to document six (6) observations of the candidate teaching into the TK20 system (at least five must be face-to-face). In addition he/she is required to note applicable Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession themes. At the midterm 3-way conference and also the final summative evaluation, the student teacher, cooperating teacher and university supervisor bring a completed Unit Student Teaching Evaluation Form for discussion and the supervisor records consensus scores in TK20.

The observation and documentation requirements are described in state law or established in guidelines put forth by the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR). Unit forms address accreditation and also OBR requirements.

edTPA UPDATES

Autumn Forums

Dates for upcoming autumn edTPA forums are:

- Wednesday, October 29 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 31 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Forums will be held in Ramseyer 016. Topics include updates from the state, information sharing from the National edTPA conference, and considerations for field placements.

Please send one representative from each initial licensure program.

edTPA Handbooks

Please make sure your students are using the most recent versions of the edTPA handbooks and templates. It has come to our attention that some students are using older versions, which will negatively impact the way their portfolios are scored. The new versions are in the program Buckeye Boxes. If you have difficulty accessing the program Buckeye Boxes, please contact Kristall Day for assistance.

Reminders

Remind students to thoroughly read the edTPA submission directions posted in Tk20. Also, remind them to review the edTPA Tk20 guide and the edTPA Tk20 video guide. Both of these are posted in the program Buckeye Boxes and the video guide is posted in students' Tk20 edTPA assessment.

Important: Please remind students there are two steps to the submission process. They must submit through TK20 AND also to Pearson. The final action must be to log into Pearson and approve their submission.

Program managers and faculty should consider requiring students to submit proof that Pearson has received their portfolio for scoring. Students receive an email from Pearson when they have successfully submitted and this can be used as proof.

Unit Policy Update

Student Teaching Overseas

The Ohio Board of Regents has recently shared that student teaching may be conducted as a study abroad or overseas experience. Programs that wish to pursue this opportunity need to provide evidence of fulfilling state requirements prior to student teaching, ensure supervision with six observations, use unit-wide student teaching forms, and enable the student teacher to complete the edTPA. Interested programs may contact Dr. Erica Brownstein, brownstein.2@osu.edu

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