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FACULTY/STAFF SPOTLIGHT: DR. MARY JO FRESCH

Dr. Mary Jo Fresch is a Professor in Early and Middle Childhood Education in the Department of Teaching and Learning on the Marion Campus, where she teaches literacy related courses. Her research interests center on the developmental aspect of becoming a speller and its relationship to teaching and learning. Dr. Fresch began her career as a third grade teacher, and became a reading specialist. She has taught at the University of Akron, the University of Nebraska (Lincoln); the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and Deakin University (both in Australia) before coming to the Marion Campus in 1995.

As Faculty Coordinator for EHE at the Marion Campus, Dr. Fresch carefully analyzed the data regarding the Ohio Assessment for Educators. Driven by concerns regarding passing rates, Dr. Fresch engaged the Marion Campus coordinators of the content courses taken by MCE students in course alignment. Coordinators were sent the Assessment Design and Coursework information (see for example http://www.oh.nesinc.com/CONTENT/STUDYGUIDE/OH_SG_OBJ_031.htm). Each coordinator is comparing courses taught at the Marion Campus and the demands of the Assessment. Recommendations of courses are forthcoming from these coordinators.

Dr. Fresch may be reached at fresch.1@osu.edu.

COUNTDOWN TO NCATE LEGACY VISIT

Are you prepared for the April 26 - 28, 2015 NCATE visit? While we are waiting for the agenda from the BOE team, please try to keep April 26 and 27 available for possible interviews.

Here is a tip to get you thinking about how your department can prepare for the visit.

Tip #5: Standard 2: Assessment

Can you describe how your program systematically reviews data for program improvement?

NCATE Legacy Board of Examiners Offsite Report Response

The NCATE Board of Examiners posed forty four follow-up questions to our 8,500 page Institutional Report submission last September. Thank you to those who have contributed to the Offsite Report Response by providing answers on behalf of your programs.

Please help by reviewing, updating, and enhancing the responses to the NCATE Offsite BOE questions

and concerns. Questions and initial responses are in the Carmen EHE Teacher Education course. Please put comments, suggestions, elaborations, and changes in the Carmen drop box.

Questions may be directed to Erica Brownstein at brownstein.2@osu.edu

Office of Educator Preparation Open Forum

An open forum for Educator Preparation programs will discuss preparations for the upcoming NCATE Legacy visit, P-12 placement updates, Unit-wide data, and edTPA. Please send at least one representative from each program. Graduate students are also welcome to attend.

- Wednesday, March 25th from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in PAES 145

- Friday, March 27th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. via Carmen Connect.

Carmen Connect meeting link: http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/edtpaforum/. Help for Carmen Connect is: http://resourcecenter.odee.osu.edu/carmenconnect/. Note- you may need to manually type the Carmen Connect link into your browser.

OAE INTEGRATED SOCIAL STUDIES EXTENDED VERSION

Study materials are now available for AYS Social Studies students at: http://www.oh.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/OH025_PrepMaterials.html

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UPDATE ON UTEC AD HOC FEES SUBCOMMITTEE

The UTEC Ad Hoc Fees Subcommittee is moving forward on a proposed program fee to build the costs of Tk20, one OAE test, and edTPA into fees and tuition, thus enabling those costs to be covered by financial aid. The proposed fee, called the "Educator Preparation Program Voucher", will apply to new autumn 2015 declared majors. The total cost has no overhead and no hidden costs.

TK20 PLATFORM OFFLINE MARCH 7

The Tk20 platform will be **offline on Saturday March 7**, for maintenance and minor upgrades. The anticipated downtime will last from 12:01 a.m. until noon. After the upgrade is complete, there will be improvements in the stability and performance of the TK20 platform.

Additional details and documentation will be provided after the upgrade is complete. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

Transition Points (Gates) Functionality in the Tk20 Platform

Programs wishing to quickly view and manage candidates' progression through their program can use the Transition Point function to view reports of candidate's completion of particular coursework, assessments or applications. Please contact edprep@osu.edu to arrange a brief training session on how to utilize this function.

Tk20 Need-based Scholarship

Please let your students know there is a scholarship application available for those who may be having difficulty purchasing the required Tk20 program. Students will be asked questions to determine individual

need, such as questions related to their financial situation. Before beginning the application, they should have the following information available:

1. Amount of student loan debt anticipated upon graduation from OSU.

2. Amount of student loan money taken out for the 2014-15 academic school year.

3. If currently working, information on place of employment, how many hours a week they are working, and what their income is used for in terms of educational expenses.

4. Did they receive any scholarship money from the College of Education and Human Ecology for the 2014-15 academic school year? If so, how much?

The link to the Tk20 scholarship application is:
https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cuwDwpXd4FeehOl

FREE TRAINING on P-12 PARTNERSHIPS FOR HIGHER ED FACULTY

Higher education faculty members involved with the preparation of educators understand the crucial need to work in partnership with K–12 schools to provide high quality field-based programs - both pre-service and in-service. In sessions offered by the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) at three times and locations, participating higher education faculty members will become familiar with and gain enhanced working knowledge of the various resources available for use on the OLAC website.

Training Dates 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Friday, March 20, 2015, BGSU at Levis Commons, Room 104

- Tuesday, March 24, 2015, The University of Dayton-Dublin Campus

- Thursday, March 26, 2015, Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center

For more information and to register, go to: http://www.ohioleadership.org/view.php?cms_nav_id=65

CARMEN COURSES

Remember to check out the new Office of Educator Preparation Carmen sites! All faculty, staff, and candidates may access to the appropriate courses. The Carmen course is to provide another option, in addition to the Buckeye Box. If you do not yet have access, please contact EdPrep@osu.edu.

- "EHE Teacher Education" course is for faculty and staff

- "Office of Educator Preparation" course is for student teachers, program managers, and student teaching supervisors

Having trouble finding these courses? Log in as a student (not instructor) and scroll to the bottom of the page to view ongoing courses. We encourage input on items that should be added or omitted. Please email edprep@osu.edu with any suggestions or feedback.

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edTPA UPDATES

"Tools for the Process: Helping Candidates Help Themselves"

Below is an edTPA tip for candidates from Nancy Cunniff Casey, St. Bonaventure University. Nancy sends weekly support messages to her teacher candidates. Feel free to share with your students!

Tip #3: General Tips & Getting Started

Read the Handbook - The edTPA Handbooks are not novels, but you really should start by reading through the WHOLE handbook. As you read, highlight the terms that aren't clear. Look in the glossary to see if those terms are defined. If not, use a dictionary! Make sure that you understand the academic language of the edTPA. And make sure you have the latest version of the Handbook!

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