FACULTY/STAFF SPOTLIGHT: AMY LANGHALS

Amy Langhals is the Education Program Specialist/Academic Advisor at The Ohio State University at Lima. In her advising role, Amy advises all students in the Early Childhood, Middle Childhood, and Early & Middle Childhood Studies programs on the Lima campus. As Education Program Specialist, she assists in coordinating the pre-major and major programs. Amy worked as a Graduate Administrative Assistant at OSU Lima while earning her M.Ed. in Early Childhood. She then taught both out-of-state and in Ohio before spending the last three years serving as the Curriculum Coordinator/ Professional Development Coach for a K-8 school in Lima. During that time she also worked as an adjunct lecturer for some of the OSU Lima education courses such as Reading Foundations, Phonics, and Literacy Assessment & Evaluation. Amy began her full time position as Education Program Specialist/Academic Advisor in August 2014.

Use of Data
Amy is looking forward to using data from Tk20, edTPA and course evaluations to help make one of the top education programs in the nation even stronger by constantly working toward the vision of Ohio State's teacher preparation programs: To serve as the epicenter of eminence for educator preparation.

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COUNTDOWN TO NCATE LEGACY VISIT

Are you prepared for the April 26 - 28, 2015 NCATE visit? Meetings will begin Sunday, April 26 at 2 pm. The last meetings will complete on Monday, 2 pm. Expect emails and notifications in the next week.

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

Tip #3: Standard 6: Unit governance and resources
How and when do you collect feedback (or feed-forward) information from your candidates? What data is formal? What data is informal? What data is anecdotal? Where is that data kept?

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.

- 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.

STUDENT TEACHER SURVEY

Please verify the completion of the OBR preservice survey by your student teachers. The survey is sent by the Ohio Board of Regents and the data are reported to programs each semester. Results are used for the Ohio Metrics Performance Report and are part of the funding calculations. The survey was sent out mid-March. A reminder will be sent Friday, March 27.

COOPERATING TEACHER/ MENTOR SURVEY

Can you help us collect information from your P-12 cooperating teachers/mentors? The Cooperating Teacher/Mentor survey has been sent to P-12 school personnel. We only collect data from those that did not respond in fall 2015.

Will you ask your candidates/interns to reach out to their mentors and encourage them to complete the survey? The survey is short and asks about professional experience and demographics, which is required for our accreditation process.

BACKGROUND CHECKS AND SUPERVISORS

According to school districts and the new Ohio State Minor's policy, personnel that enter schools for the purpose of supervising Ohio State students do not need to complete background checks. School districts request supervisors sign in as "visitors" each time they enter a building.

The policy only applies if one is alone with a minor.

MODULE 1 REMINDER

Fall student teachers need to complete Module 1 before student teaching. For further information, contact Nina Dent at dent.24@osu.edu.

TK20 NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP

Please let students know there is a scholarship application available for those having difficulty purchasing the assessment platform, Tk20. Students will be asked questions to determine individual need, such as questions related to their financial situation. The link to the Tk20 scholarship application is: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cuwDwpXd4FeehOl

This information is also located on the Educator Preparation website at http://ehe.osu.edu/educator-preparation/tests-expenses/ and at http://ehe.osu.edu/educator-preparation/tk20/

STUDENT TEACHING REMINDER

Please verify that your student teachers for next semester have passed the OAE for Professional Knowledge and the OAE content before student teaching.

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 #5: General Tips & Getting Started

Make a folder structure. Start by creating a folder for your files – and name it carefully. Consider putting on your desktop for easy access. Within that folder, make folders for each of the edTPA tasks. There will be three folders. The very first thing you should do is copy the CURRENT edTPA template files and put them in the correct folders. Then, as you work, save all files into the correct folder. Follow the directions in the Evidence Chart in your Handbook EXACTLY. Note that you should rename the templates with "PART_" at the beginning to align with the Evidence Chart.

Correction to March 12, 2015 Ed Prep Express

In the Faculty/Staff Spotlight featuring Dr. Ruth Lowery, the second paragraph should read, "working to expand the MA program," instead of "the MEd program."

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