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Objective

To be an innovative and forward thinking leader in an organization that embraces continuous improvement.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy May 2003
University of Kansas—Department of Teaching and Leadership
Plan of Study: Educational Philosophy and Foundation

Master of Arts May 1993
University of Kansas—Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Plan of Study: Curriculum Instruction and Secondary Language Arts
Academic Honors

Bachelor of Arts May 1984
MidAmerica Nazarene University—Department of Teacher Education
Plan of Study: Secondary English Language Arts
Academic Honors

Professional Experience

Professor Fall 2012-
Teacher Education

Teaching Activities:

--Courses taught: Curriculum Development and Assessment, Educational Philosophy, Secondary Reading in the Content Areas, Teaching Methods in English Language Arts, English Composition I, Adolescent Literature, Freshman Seminar

Grant Activities:

--Served as the Project Director for the STELLAR: Strategies for Teaching English Language Learners At Risk grant. Duties included: leadership of the activities of the grant, budget management, and submission of all federal reports. This grant was completed in March 2013. Final government reports were submitted in May 2013 and all of the grant activities were completed

--Served as the Project Director for the PERK: Preparing Educators for Rural Kansas grant. Duties include: development and implementation of grant activities for six

school districts in Southwest Kansas (Copeland/Montezuma, Deerfield, Lakin, Rolla, Stanton County, and Sublette). Activities included creating an innovative secondary literacy program for in-service teachers, adapting a mentoring program for beginning in-service teachers to a three year model, initiating collaboration with the Nazarene churches in SWKS for recruitment of teacher candidates, and developing and implementing a 2+2 program with three community colleges in SWKS.

-- Researched, wrote and submitted two Title III grant applications to create a Center for Academic Success. Awaiting awardee information. One plan was for \$2 million and the other plan was for \$10 million.

Associate Vice President for Graduate and Continuing Education 2011-2012
Interim Dean, School of Education and Counseling
Interim Department Chair—Graduate Studies in Education
Professor

Teacher Education

MidAmerica Nazarene University

Job duties include:

Leadership Development:

--Provided leadership in the areas of budgets, personnel, curriculum planning, organizational structure, recruitment and retention of students, teaching within the Teacher Education Department, and the development of external funding for the Teacher Education, Graduate Studies in Education and Graduate Studies in Counselor Education departments.

--Chaired the Graduate Council and guided the Graduate Department Chairs in developing a Graduate Handbook, unifying various graduate program requirements. Completed a Needs Assessment for creating a Graduate Culture.

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**Interim Dean, School of Education and Counseling
Professor**

Fall 2009-Fall 2011

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Grant activities at MNU included transformation of the Teacher Education program in the area of technology, development of collaboration activities between Math and Science departments and the Teacher Education department, development of a 2+2 program on the university side, and the development and implementation of continuing education options for GSE. Served also as Program Coordinator for the grant until October 2010.

--Researched, wrote and submitted the following grant applications:

1. National Science Foundation-- Robert Noyce Scholarship grant in partnership with the Science department.
2. Federal Government--Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education-- Grant for technology equipment and training across the university.

3. National Science Foundation-- Teacher Education and Technology Grant.
4. Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs Go Global/Study Abroad in partnership with Go Global Studies dept. and Lorie Beckum.
5. US Department of Education-- Teaching American History Grant with four local school districts. DeSoto, Gardner-Edgerton, Paola, Spring Hill.

Kansas State Department of Education Activities:

- Served as MNU Unit Head to the Kansas State Department of Education.
- Vice Chair of the Evaluation Review Committee
- Nominated participant of the Kansas Education Commission
- Co-Chair of the Effective Teachers and Leaders sub-committee on the Kansas Education Commission
- Kansas Teacher of the Year committee member
- Member of the Institutions of Higher Education and Community College partnership consortium
- Member of Kansas Association for Private Colleges of Teacher Education
- Member of Kansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education

Community activities:

- Continued involvement on the Grow Your Own Advisory Council for the Olathe School District
- Developed a collaborative consortium between Gardner-Edgerton School District, Spring Hill School District, Paola School District and DeSoto School District to write and submit a Teaching American History Grant
- Developed a new external Advisory Council for the School of Education and Counseling
- Co-Planned and Co-Implemented an international education experience for teacher candidates to Swaziland in the Summer of 2010
- Co-Planned a trip in May 2011 to Bulgaria for teacher candidates

Chair, Division of Education

2008-2009

Professor of Education

MidAmerica Nazarene University

Job duties included:

Leadership development:

- Provided leadership for the areas of budgets, personnel and curriculum planning within the Teacher Education and the Graduate Education Departments and researched NCATE needs for site visit.

- Teacher Education Department Chair, Division of Education Chair, NCATE Coordinator, Director of Clinical Experience (1 semester), taught 7 credit hours per semester.

--University Committees: Teacher Education Committee, Teacher Education Department Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Dean's Committee, Committee on the Professoriate, and General Education Committee

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--Researched, wrote and submitted the PERK grant. (PERK: Preparing Educators for Rural Kansas.) This Teacher Quality Partnership grant opportunity from the US Department of Education was a unique opportunity for Teacher Preparation programs across the nation. Our grant application was rated 12th out of 178 applications. We received \$6.66 for a 5 year time period. This amount was one of the top 5 awards.

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- Member of Program Review Committee
- Participated in NCATE training

Community activities:

- Continued involvement on the Grow Your Own Advisory Council for the Olathe School District.
- Visited with superintendents or curriculum directors from seventeen school districts surrounding MNU in the summer of 2008. Introduced MNU to the larger educational community in these conversations and used these opportunities as a way to collect qualitative data on what their school districts needed in the way of professional development for their teachers, resources needed for their districts, expectations of new teachers and master teachers in the areas of knowledge, skills and dispositions.

Professor of Education/Licensing Officer

2004-2008

MidAmerica Nazarene University

Courses Taught: Curriculum Development and Assessment, Content Reading for Secondary Teachers. Other responsibilities included duties as a Licensing Officer for the university and Student Teaching University Supervisor.

--Faculty Sponsor for the second annual Education Mission Trip to Kiev, Ukraine in July 2007. Our group of 11 was in charge of a ten-day kids camp for 100+ children from all the churches in Ukraine.

--Faculty Co-Sponsor for an Education Mission Trip to Nassau, Bahamas in January 2006. Our group of 12 teacher candidates developed lessons to teach to the different students at Claridge Primary School—grades K-6. Presented professional development workshops for the teachers at the school. Topics included reading strategies and general instructional strategies for the elementary teacher. This was the first ever Education Mission trip the Teacher Education department had developed and implemented.

Adjunct Professor 1989-2004
Johnson County Community College
Courses Taught: Composition I and II and T.V. Composition I, Self-Paced Composition I and II

Adjunct Instructor 2003-2004
UMKC
Supervised student teachers for the Kansas City Teaching Fellows Program

Adjunct Instructor 2001-2004
Avila University
Courses taught: Reading in the Content Area (Degree completion program) and Effective Instruction (Masters of Education program)

Adjunct Instructor 1994-2001
MidAmerica Nazarene University
Courses Taught: English Composition, British Literature, World Literature, Writing Skills and English Education Methods.

Project Thesis Advisor 1992-2006
MidAmerica Nazarene University
Innovative Adult Education Department

Secondary Public School Teacher 1984-1988
Meadowbrook Junior High and Northwest High School
Language Arts—8th, 9th, and 10th grade
Shawnee Mission Public Schools

Kansas State Board of Education Certificate current until June 2012.

Publications

Alexander, L. (Fall, 2004). *CHOICE: How to Evangelize Your Friends*. Carved in Stone organization. On-line.

Alexander, L. (June, 2002). *Outcomes Based Education*. Didache' on-line.

Alexander, L. (Summer, 2011). *To Teach is to Touch the Future: The Lasting Impact of Nazarene Teacher Educators*. The Pole Project.

(A pamphlet to be published internationally for educators in all disciplines to introduce them to the Nazarene academic perspective of scholarship and the integration of faith and teaching.)

Various other devotions and children's instructional lessons for several organizations and activities.

Presentations

Curriculum Development and Assessment workshops to various groups of educators, educational administrators and community leaders in Bulgaria. February 2011.

Effective Teachers and Leaders sub-committee report to the Kansas State Board of Education. December 2010.

Secondary Reading Strategies and Instructional Strategies for Secondary Teachers. Nassau, Bahamas, January 2006.

Secondary Reading Strategies. Gardner-Edgerton Professional Development In-Service Day. August 2004.

Outcomes Based Education. Faculty Development Conference for the International Board of Education for the Church of the Nazarene at the Grove City Conference. Grove City, Ohio, June 10-16, 2001.

Taught English Educational Methods and General Teaching Methods to Chinese Teachers of English. Changsha, China in the Hunan Province at the Changsha Teacher Education College in July 2000.

Awards

Outstanding Adjunct English Faculty member—MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Lieberman Excellence in Teaching Award. Awarded to adjunct faculty members at Johnson County Community College. Spring 2004.