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Education

Doctor of Philosophy - The University of Toledo
Major: Higher Education Administration 2006
Minor: Educational Psychology
Dissertation: The Influence of Assessment Policies and Practices on Baccalaureate-Completion Rates at Carnegie-classified Master's Granting Institutions

Master of Arts – The Ohio State University 1993
Major: Educational Studies/Adult Education

Bachelor of Commercial Science – Tiffin University
Major: Business Management 1989

Administrative Experience

The University of Akron Wayne College 2007 - present
Director, Learning Support Services
Smucker Learning Center

- Oversee the administrative and budget activities of the Smucker Learning Center, including hiring, training, and supervising contract professionals, peer and professional tutors, and computer lab assistants
- Coordinate Developmental Math and Writing Center activities, in addition to developing and staffing developmental reading and study skills coursework, workshops and program initiatives for student success
- Administer and manage services for students with disabilities; maintain compliance and standards with the University Office of Accessibility; assist students seeking classroom accommodations for learning assistance
- Investigate, evaluate, and recommend student success initiatives and technologies for instructional enhancement

Lorain County Community College 2003 - 2005
Presidential Fellow- Intern

- Served as an intern to Dr. Roy Church, President, Lorain County Community College, conducting research and assigned tasks as needed

- Worked with President's Cabinet and Division Directors on various college initiatives and projects
- Participated as a member of the Academic Quality Improvement Program Design Team, as a member of the Human Resource Development Design Team, as a member of the General Education Assessment Steering Committee, and as a member of the Weekend College Task Force

The University of Toledo 2002-2003
Department of Educational Leadership
Graduate Assistant

- Assisted faculty with:
    - Institutional Assessment Committee
    - Professional Development Workshops for Academic Deans and Department Chairs
    - Survey Research
    - Online class management of materials and students

Tiffin University 2001-2002
Director – Financial Aid

- Coordinated financial aid packages for all graduate and undergraduate students, disbursing federal and state grants, student and institutional loans, internal and external scholarships
- Prepared reports for the Ohio Board of Regents and U. S. Department of Education
- Processed Stafford student loans and alternative loans
- Presented to parents and prospective students at open houses and orientation
- Prepared reports for NCAA, Athletic Director and coaches

Tiffin University 1989 - 2001
Director – Adult and Continuing Education

- Managed admissions office for adult and part-time students, including recruiting, admitting, advising, registration, and maintaining student records
- Developed and implemented transfer agreements with four area community colleges
- Established and coordinated an off-site, accelerated degree-completion program in business for transfer students

- Administered an associate degree extension program for Russian immigrants in Northeast Ohio
- Created for faculty and students institutional guidelines for assessing prior learning portfolios
- Instituted a CLEP testing center at the University
- Established a protocol for awarding university continuing education units for noncredit courses
- Served on the University's Retention Committee, on self-study teams for North Central Association accreditation, and on the University's Strategic Planning Committee

Classroom Experience

- Instructor – University of Akron Wayne College, Orrville, OH
  - Student Success Seminar

- Instructor – Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD
  - Introduction to Psychology
  - Human Growth and Development

- Instructor – Terra Community College, Fremont, OH
  - General Psychology

- Instructor – Tiffin University, Tiffin, OH
  - Introduction to Speech Communications
  - Introduction to Marketing
  - Adult Development and Assessment
  - Freshmen Seminar

Additional Skills

- Proficient using Microsoft Office software, including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel
- Able to analyze data using SPSS for Windows
- Familiar with IPEDS database tools

Professional Affiliations

- National Association for Developmental Education
- Ohio Association for Developmental Education
- National College Learning Center Association
- Former President and Vice President, Ohio Continuing Higher Education Association (OCHEA)