**Jennifer Oswald Ed. D.**

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**Division Chair | Program Coordinator | Retention & Recruitment | CAEP Site Reviewer**

**QUALIFICATION SUMMARY**

* Accomplished academic leader with proven expertise in strategic planning, budget management, faculty development, and student success initiatives.
* Demonstrated ability to secure grant funding and foster strong community partnerships.
* Committed to creating a positive and inclusive learning environment that enables students and faculty to reach their full potential.

**KEY SKILLS**

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| ✓ Strategic Leadership | ✓ Budgetary Oversight | ✓ Accreditation & Compliance |
| ✓ Faculty Development | ✓ Grant Management | ✓ Retention & Enrollment |
| ✓ Collaborative Partnerships | ✓ Revenue Generation | ✓ Student Success |

**RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Chair, Division of Education** 2022-present

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva, OK

*Responsibilities include managing the division’s faculty, adjunct faculty, students, budget, course schedules, state and national accreditation, curriculum for undergraduate and graduate programs, faculty schedules and evaluations, building and materials, and writing and managing multiple grants.*

* Notable achievements: Superintendent Certification Program; Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health certificate/minor (cross-disciplinary effort with psychology and social work departments); $550,000 GEER Grant for Alternatively Certified Educators; assisted in the establishment of the Washburn Scholarship for the Para to Degree program to provide summer scholarships for paraprofessionals
* Program Coordinator and Academic Advisor for Educational Leadership – Principal, Educational Leadership – Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction, Reading Specialist, and Alternative Certification graduate programs
* University Committees: Retention & Enrollment Champions, General Education Committee, Assessment & Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Graduate Committee, Academic Affairs Appeals Committee, Grievance Committee
* CAEP trained site reviewer participating in national and state CAEP visits; Oklahoma Team Lead on state site visits (2016-present)
* HLC peer review corps training – spring 2025

**Associate Professor of Education** 2012-present

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva, OK

*Current course load is 6 credit hours per semester including undergraduate student teaching courses and graduate practicum courses. Associate Professor of Education (2021-present); Assistant Professor of Education (2016-2021); Instructor of Education (2012-2016).*

* Teach undergraduate and graduate courses
* Supervise and evaluate student teachers
* Advise all education majors
* Reading Specialist Program Coordinator
* CAEP Standard 4 Committee Chair
* Initial Recipient of the Endowed Chair – Roy Vayle & Leah Beisel Evans Literacy Center Chair for Academic Excellence.
* NWOSU Literacy Center Director & Founder 2016-2023 – recruit, hire, train, and retain tutors; oversee tutoring sessions; administer, collect & report assessment data for P12 student participants
* NWOSU Teachers’ Closet Co-Founder and Current Sponsor 2017-present – provides professional dress clothing to all NWOSU students
* Faculty Senate 2018-2023 (President in 2021)
* Teacher Education Committee (2016-2022)

**NWOSU Dean of Faculty Administrative Intern** 2019-2020

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva, OK

*Inaugural year for internship*

* Purpose: gain administrative experience
* Oversee university syllabi and curriculum for all departments and divisions
* Assist with administrative duties as needed
* Lead informal faculty professional development sessions

**Classroom Teacher** 2005-2012

Beaver Public Schools Beaver, OK

*Self-Contained 4th grade teacher; 5th & 6th grade reading teacher; middle school literacy interventionist; 3rd grade science teacher*

**RECENT SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

* Presenter, Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Conference, November 22, 2024. Title: Navigating the Leadership Labyrinth: The Power of Self-Care for Women in Higher Education Leadership.
* Co-Presenter, Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Fall Conference, November 16, 2024. Title: Enhancing Recruitment & Retention in EPP Programs: A Collaborative Approach.
* Oswald, J. & Sargent, S. A Comparison of In-Person and Online Clinical Experiences in University Reading Methods Courses. Presentation at Annual Conference of the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (ALER) November 8, 2024
* Oswald, J. & Sargent, S. Experiences in University Reading Methods Courses: Phase II. Presentation at Annual Conference of the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (ALER) November 11, 2023
* Presenter, Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Fall Conference, November 3, 2023. Title: CAEP Standard 4.
* Presenter, Enid Rotary, October 16, 2023. Title: Teacher Education.
* Presenter, Forgan Public Schools Inservice, August 15, 2023. Title: Lesson Planning with AI.

**HONORS & AWARDS**

* 2023 Donovan Reichenberger Fundraising Award
* 2022 John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Learning Award
* 2019 NWOSU Champion of Diversity
* 2016 NWOSU John Sheffield Teacher of the Year

**EDUCATION**

**Ed.D., Reading and Literacy** 2016

Capella University Minneapolis, MN

**M.Ed., Reading Specialist** 2009

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva, OK

**B.S., Early Childhood Education** 2005

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva, OK

**B.A., History and Social Studies** 2002

Oklahoma Panhandle State University Goodwell, OK

**OKLAHOMA CERTIFICATIONS**

* Early Childhood (PreK-3rd)
* Elementary Education (1st-8th)
* Reading Specialist (K-12)