

**Dawn Orcino Williams, M.Ed.**

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Education	M.Ed., Educational Technology, Northwestern State University B.S., Elementary Education, Louisiana State University Supervisor of Parish/City Materials and/or Media Centers Certification, Louisiana Department of Education Educational Technology Leader Certification, Louisiana Department of Education School Librarian Certification, Louisiana Department of Education
Teaching Philosophy	<p>My philosophy of teaching evolved from many years of teaching at the elementary level. I find that teaching students at the university level to be very similar to teaching students at the elementary level. As I reflect on my beliefs regarding teaching and learning, I find that my goal as an instructor are threefold:</p> <p>To promote positive learning; To spark learner enthusiasm for learning; And to provide content area instruction.</p> <p>To some my next statement may seem odd, but I believe that content area instruction is of secondary importance to my other two goals. I feel that creating a caring, positive learning environment in which a student is encouraged to share and collaborate is essential. In addition, I adamantly believe that learning can and should be fun, and I put this belief into practice every day in the courses I teach. I demonstrate that teachers can simultaneously demand quality work and have fun. As an instructor of pre-service teachers, I strive to demonstrate my enthusiasm for teaching to give my students a model of enthusiasm for the teaching profession. It is my hope that my love of teaching is reflected in my students' love of teaching.</p>
Bio	Dawn is currently the Assistant Department Head and a senior instructor in department of Educational Curriculum and Instruction (EDCI), and the director of the College of Education Instructional Materials Center. She began her tenure at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2009 as an adjunct instructor and has been employed full-time since 2011. Dawn graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education

	<p>from Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) in 1995. Immediately following graduation, she began her teaching career as a fifth grade teacher in Crowley, Louisiana. For the next twelve years, she remained a classroom teacher teaching throughout Acadia Parish. Dawn graduated with her Master's degree in Educational Technology from Northwestern State University and went on to obtain several certifications including a certification as a school librarian. These certifications allowed her to serve as school librarian in Acadia Parish for the next four years. When she is not teaching or advising students, Dawn enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren, reading and gardening.</p>
Courses Taught	<p>EDCI 100 – Introduction to Teacher Education  EDCI 140 – Developing a Worldview of Teaching and Learning  EDCI 308 – Children's Literature  EDCI 310 – Young Adult Literature  EDCI 476 – Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education  EDCI 477 – Student Teaching in Elementary Grades  LBSC 311 – Library Reference Materials  LBSC 312 – Library Cataloging  LBSC 313 – Library Science Administration  LBSC 314 – Library Science Practicum</p>
Advising	<p>Advises an average of 30 students per semester.</p>
Teaching Experience	<p>2018 – present EDCI Assistant Department Head  2011 – present Instructor/Director, UL Lafayette  2007 – 2011 Librarian, Acadia Parish  1995 – 2007 Teacher, Acadia Parish, grades 1, 3, 4 and 5</p>
Presentations	<p>"Let's Build: Using Reading Activities and Strategies to Build Student Comprehension" 2019 <i>Reading Recovery &amp; Early Literacy Conference</i> (Co-presenter: Dr. Delphia Smith)</p>
Grants	<p>STEP Committee Materials Center RAM &amp; SSD Upgrades – 2018</p>
Conferences Attended	<p>Canadian Institute of Reading Recovery - <i>Reading Recovery &amp; Early Literacy Conference</i> - 2019</p>
Awards	<p>Outstanding Advisor Award – 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016</p>
Additional Skills	<p>Quality Matters Certification – 2014  Certified Online Teacher – 2014</p>
Service	<p>CAEP Advisory Committee – 2020- Present  College of Education Advising Taskforce – 2020  University Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee – 2019  Freshmen Convocation Task Force Member – 2018  Freshmen Convocation Volunteer – 2018  Departmental Safety Coordinator, 2016 – Present  College Scholarship Committee Chairperson, 2012 – Present</p>

