

THE RIVERHAWK CENTER FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE



Monthly Newsletter

COMING UP:

PPAT Seminar (BA) | Feb. 8

RCTE Student Resource Fair (TQ) | Feb. 11

RCTE Student Resource Fair (BA) | Feb. 12

Celebration of Teaching (TQ) | Feb. 28

Community Partner Fair (BA) | March 8

LOOKING AHEAD



The RCTE presents:

PPAT SEMINAR

SATURDAY FEB. 8

SEASONED EDUCATORS WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE PPAT STEP BY STEP AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE STRATEGIES YOU CAN USE TO DO WELL!

 NSU - BROKEN ARROW
EDUCATION BUILDING, RM 119
9AM-12PM

The PPAT seminar will take place on Saturday, February 8th from 8:45 - 12:00pm on the Broken Arrow campus in the Education Building. This event is open to all NSU Education majors, as well as anyone in the community who is submitting the PPAT this year. This will be our last PPAT seminar.

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**](#) 

WHO ARE WE?

The RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence is a grant-funded organization whose aim is to recruit and retain P-12 teachers of diverse backgrounds in an effort to address Oklahoma's teacher shortage and put educators in classrooms whose unique identities reflect that of their students. At our centers on both the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses, we offer a multitude of services such as tutoring, counseling, workshops, scholarships, as well as just a place to hang out and study. We have coffee, tea, snacks, and various school supplies donated especially for Education majors like you!

February's focus:



This month, both centers will be celebrating Black History Month with informational bulletin boards! On each of our themed bulletin boards, we try to provide statistics, facts, as well as beneficial resources pertaining to that month's theme. Stop by the centers in BA and TQ to check out how we're honoring Black History Month in February.

"INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER— THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION."

-MLK, Jr.

Rescheduled!


March 8th



Community

PARTNER FAIR

NSU BROKEN ARROW

3100 E New Orleans St
Broken Arrow, 74014

8:45am-Noon
Light refreshments served

CALLING EDUCATORS!

Join us on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at NSU Broken Arrow to hear from local and statewide partners! You will hear about resources, field trip opportunities, grants, and in-class service opportunities to help supplement with relevant, hands on experiences.

Email rcte@nsuok.edu for any questions.

2025 PARTNERS

- Ag In The Classroom
- Bob Dylan/Woody Guthrie
- Cherokee Nation Education Services
- OK Alliance for Geographical Education
- Discovery Lab
- Grand River Dam Authority
- Oklahoma Council for Social Studies
- Project Learning Tree
- Tulsa Health Department School Health Program

 **REGISTER NOW**



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Has the RCTE impacted you positively in the last year? We'd love to hear about it! Please note that your response might be shared to our Instagram page.

TELL US ABOUT IT! 

Testimonial

I love that the RCTE provides resources that are easy for me to obtain. I'm not on campus much, but their emails keep me informed. The scholarships they provide have helped me stay in school, and I love the fairs they have hosted in the past!

EXAMPLE -Athena Kong
Early Childhood Education (BA)

THIS AND THAT!



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SUGGESTION

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR HOW WE CAN IMPROVE OUR SERVICES? WE'RE ALL EARS!

On our "returning" check in form that is located in each center, the very last question asks you if you have any suggestions for what we could be doing to better serve you. Please don't be shy! Maybe you have a good idea for a workshop? Or perhaps you have suggestions for items we need to have available in our centers. Whatever it is, we would love to hear your ideas so that we can serve you to the best of our ability!

DON'T FORGET!

Please remember to check in every time you visit your respective center using the QR code that applies to you. There are QR codes for check-in located throughout both centers.

Thank you! 😊

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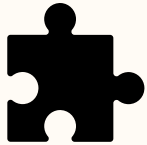
Sandy Ross, Dee McAffrey, Lauren Ross, Lori Fogerty, April Bardell, Kelly Callaway, Tobi Thompson, Nichole Sumpter, Kristy Eubanks, Emily Blakley, Niki Kottre



Join us!



Did you know that both centers have free snacks and drinks available to all Education majors? We also have puzzles, test prep books, computers, phone chargers, etc. Stop by for a brain break in between classes, or meet up with your study group in either of our centers! The BA center is in BAED 243 & the TQ center is in Bagley Hall 120.



COMING UP IN FEBRUARY



RIVERHAWK CENTER FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE

STUDENT RESOURCE FAIR

Wednesday, February 12th
11:30AM - 12:30PM
BAED 243

THIS IS A COME & GO EVENT. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU AS AN EDUCATION MAJOR. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!

RCTE@NSUOK.EDU | 918-449-6582

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RESOURCE FAIR

For all Education Majors

Tuesday, Feb. 11th
Bagley Hall Room 120
11-1

Come learn about all of the resources on campus that can benefit you as an education major!

Come grab a Crumble cookie too!

Contact info
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TAHLEQUAH

MEET OUR PART TIME STAFF

Dena Pace
(TQ - Coach)



Dena has a background in Psychology and Mental Health, and her passion in life is coaching! Fun fact: She feels most at home in the water or on the tractor.

Machele Potter
(TQ - Coach)



Machele has been serving in education for almost 25 years & is currently the Superintendent at Moseley Public Schools. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from NSU. She is married to her high school sweetheart & has two daughters, as well as a Maltipoo named Maple.

Dr. Reubin McIntosh
(BA - Coach)



Reubin is the Lead Principal at the 6th & 7th grade Academy in Muskogee. He has Academic Coaching experience and 6 years of classroom experience. He has a Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degree.

Erin Gilmore
(Mentor Teacher)



Erin earned her Bachelor's degree from NSU in 2011 & has over 10 years of teaching experience. She is married to her husband, Spencer, & they have a 2 year old son. Fun Fact: Erin did her Pre-Il internship in Vienna, Austria!

Tobi Kula
(BA - Coach)



Tobi is an elementary principal with Broken Arrow Public Schools & has been in education for 20 years. Tobi earned her B.S. from NSU & her M.S. from OSU. She has 3 children, one dog, & lives in Mounds where she raises chickens & horses.

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

RCTE-BA.YOUCANBOOK.ME (BA)

RCTE-TQ.YOUCANBOOK.ME (TQ)

You can now schedule an appointment with an academic coach on your respective campus by using the links listed above OR by scanning the following QR codes:



BROKEN ARROW



TAHLEQUAH

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COACH AND A MENTOR?

Academic Coaches are here to help you tackle any issues you may face during your time at NSU whether it's time management, work/life balance, certification test support, classroom management, etc.

Mentor Teachers will only assist students who are in their Pre-1, Pre-2, and Full internships. They can come observe you, offer advice on lesson plans, provide classroom management support, etc.

WHAT SUPPLIES DO YOU WANT TO SEE ADDED TO THE CENTERS?



Let us know by filling out
this 2 question survey!

FREE

OSAT/PPAT REVIEW SESSIONS

Spring 2025 dates & times:

TOPIC:	DATE & TIME:
Purpose by Design: PPAT 101	1/6, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Elementary Constructed Response	1/24, 6:45 - 8:45pm
Elementary Reading Sub-Area 1	2/4, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Purpose by Design: PPAT 101	2/11, 5:00 - 7:00pm
All OSATs Constructed Response	2/12, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Elementary Reading Sub-Area I	2/18, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Early Childhood Competencies, I & II	2/20, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Early Childhood Competencies, III & IV	2/27, 4:00 - 6:00pm
US History	3/3, 4:00 - 6:00pm
US History/Oklahoma History	3/4, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Elementary Constructed Response	3/5, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Government/Economics	3/6, 4:00 - 6:00pm
Purpose by Design: PPAT 101	3/11, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Elementary Math Competencies 5-6	3/12, 4:00 - 7:00pm
Elementary Math Competencies 7-8	3/13, 4:00 - 7:00pm
Purpose by Design: PPAT 101	4/1, 5:00 - 7:00pm
All OSATs Constructed Response	4/4, 6:45 - 8:45pm
Special Education Mild/Moderate	4/4, 9:00 - 12:00pm
Special Education Mild/Moderate	5/2, 9:00 - 12:00pm

***All sessions are conducted via Zoom.
Scan the QR code or visit the link below
to register & receive the Zoom links!***

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