

Lynn Priest

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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Professional Summary

Dedicated Assistant Professor of Education with expertise in special education, teacher training, curriculum development and literacy instruction. Experienced in mentoring pre-service teachers and teaching students with special needs or at-risk populations. Focused on servant leadership in the classroom and committed to fostering inclusive and engaging learning environments that promote academic excellence and lifelong learning.

Education

Ball State University

Masters in Special Education, 2003
Licensing Seriously Emotionally Handicapped & Learning Disabilities

Manchester University

Bachelors in Elementary Education, 1999
Licensing Elementary Education & Mildly Mentally Handicapped

Professional Experience

2024- Present	Indiana Wesleyan University Assistant Professor of Reading Instruction School of Teacher Education	Marion, IN
1999-2024	South Madison Community School Corporation Special Education Teacher, K-3 grades East Elementary School	Pendleton, IN
1997-1999	Hopewell Center, Inc. Substitute Assistant Teacher	Anderson, IN

Course Instruction & Development

EDU 245	Phonics & Fluency
EDU 236	Literacy Practicum II
EDU 237	Reading Complex Text
EDU 238	Reading Assessment and Intervention
EDU 325	Teaching Writing
EDU 324	Disciplinary Literacy
EDU 354	Differentiated Reading Instruction
EDU 386	Assessment in Elementary Education

Academic Leadership

2025 Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Lead for Science of Reading Course Review

- Led Science of Reading program quality and alignment review with National Council for Teacher Quality (NCTQ) and Teacher Preparation Inspection - US (TPI-US)
- Coordinated data collection and stakeholder engagement
- Prepared documentation for site visit resulting in “STRONG” rating on overall course work for TPI-US and A+ on course review for NCTQ
- Facilitated SoR Collaboration Team and Curriculum Team meetings
- Served as primary contact for accreditation review team.
- Organized interviews, student observations, and all aspects of the on-site review

Teacher Leadership

2021-2024 Building Level Special Education Chair, East Elementary School

2021-2022 District Level Reading and Math Leadership Team, South Madison Community School Corporation

2012-2014 Reading Leadership Team, East Elementary School

Professional Development & Presentations

“*Science of Reading for Faculty and Supervisors*”, Indiana Wesleyan University (September 2025)

“*Science of Reading for Secondary English*”, Indiana Wesleyan University (September 2025)

Professional Conferences & Experiences

2025 Keys to Literacy Faculty Course Training & Certificate

2024 Indiana State Literacy Association Conference, IU Kokomo, participant

2024 Faculty New to IWU Course, Indiana Wesleyan University, participant

2022-2024 LETRS Training & Certificate

2022 RBT Training & Certificate

2019 Orton Gillingham Dyslexia Training

2018 Focus on Inclusion Conference, participant

Grants

2014 “Answers in Autism” Grant Recipient

1998 “Cranks Creek Survival Center” Missions Grant Recipient

Service

University

2025-2026	Nominating Committee, Faculty Representative
2025-2026	Enrollment Management Committee, Faculty Representative

Community

2023-2025	Lapel Community Association, Christmas in Lapel Leadership
2021-2023	Interim Worship Leader, theRIVER Church, Lapel, IN
2013-2023	Director First Impressions Team, theRIVER Church, Lapel, IN
2011-2023	Co-founder, theRIVER Church, Lapel, IN
2011- 2018	Board Member, theRIVER Church, Lapel, IN
1996-1999	Inter-Collegiate Ministries Leadership Team
1999	India Youth for Christ Mission Trip
1998	Cranks Creek Survival Center Mission, Harlan, KY
1993	People Working Cooperatively Mission, Cincinnati, OH
1994, 1995	Mexico Mission Trips