

Curriculum Vitae
Rebecca Morris, Ed.D
Dean of Academic Transfer
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Professional Summary

Experienced higher education administrator with extensive leadership in academic affairs, curriculum development, student transfer pathways, and faculty collaboration. Demonstrated success in supporting institutional mission, enhancing academic standards, and advancing equity and access through strategic program oversight and community engagement.

Education

B.S.E. – Elementary Education – East Texas Baptist University, 1997
M.Ed. – Curriculum and Instruction – The University of Texas at Tyler, 2017
Ed.D. – Educational Leadership – Stephen F. Austin State University, 2021

Professional Experience

Dean of Academic Transfer

Panola College
2024-current

Provides leadership and oversight for academic transfer programs across multiple campuses.

- Collaborates with faculty and academic leadership on curriculum development and academic policy.
- Manages articulation agreements and ensures smooth student transitions to four-year institutions.
- Supports assessment, program review, and academic planning processes aligned with accreditation standards.

Department Chair of Education & Preparatory Studies

Panola College

2023-2024

Coordinates excellence in instruction for the Education and Preparatory Studies Departments

- Liaison between the Dean and the Faculty within the Department
- Assigns faculty workloads, evaluates faculty, conducts department meetings, and develops annual budgets with input from faculty
- Teach 9 hours of classes within the department
- Coordinate on-site field experiences for students in Associate of Arts in Teaching Program

Department Chair, Preparatory Studies

Panola College

2021-2023

Coordinates excellence in instruction for the Preparatory Studies Department

- Liaison between the Dean and the Faculty within the Department
- Assigns faculty workloads, evaluates faculty, conducts department meetings, and develops annual budgets with input from faculty
- Teach 12 hours of classes within the department
- Chair the Texas Success Initiative and College Readiness Committee

Professor, Education Department

Panola College

2019-2024

Faculty of the Year, Academic Programs, May 2022

Adjunct Professor, Education Department

University of Texas at Tyler

2021-present

Adjunct Professor, Education Department

LeTourneau University

2019-2024

Elementary Teacher

Elysian Fields ISD

2009-2019

Principal

Colquitt Christian Academy

2004-2009

Elementary Teacher

*Colquitt Christian Academy
1997-2004*

Institutional Service & Leadership

- Chairs or participates in institutional committees related to academic planning and student success.
- Coordinates initiatives supporting transfer student achievement and pathway development.
- Engages with internal and external stakeholders, including K–12 and university partners, to promote academic transfer goals.

Areas of Expertise

- Academic Leadership
- Transfer Pathways & Articulation
- Curriculum Design & Assessment
- Strategic Planning
- Faculty Collaboration
- Student Achievement Metrics

Professional Memberships

Texas Community College Teachers Association

Texas Community College Instructional Administrators

240 Certification, Advisory Council Member

Presentations & Publications

Talent Strong Texas Pathways Institute, November 14, 2024, Fort Worth, TX: Resources Remix: A Fresh Perspective with Speed Networking and Escape Room Challenge •

Talent Strong Texas Pathways Institute, April 10-12, 2024, Round Rock, TX: Navigating Pathways: Equitable Strategies for Career Exploration and Program Selection. •

Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Educators, October 8- 10, 2023, San Marcos, TX: Panola Pathway with SFA: Community Colleges and EPP's Removing Barriers to Degrees and Certifications. •

TLL Temple Convening, September 19, 2022. Zoom: Sharing Best Practices

Region 7 ESC Gifted and Talented Conference, 2019. Kilgore, TX: In My Feels: Using Sensory Details with Gifted Writers

Southwest Education Research Conference, February 14-16, 2018, New Orleans, LA: Novice Teacher's Mentoring: Perceptions Across Program Designs from the State of Texas

Southwest Education Research Conference, February 6-8, 2018 San Antonio, TX: Taking a Look in the Mirror: How Gender and Ethnicity Demographics in Educational Settings Shape Career Aspirations

References

Available upon request.