

Workshops

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Administration

Foundational Elements of School Safety

Hiram Tabler - Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

While there isn't a universal safety plan, schools can take common actions to address the foundational elements of school safety. This workshop provides an overview of those essential Foundational Elements to support and strengthen school safety, along with discussion on the available resources provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and SchoolSafety.gov. These resources are available at no cost to schools and districts with actionable recommendations to create safe and supportive learning environments for students and educators.

Growing and Sustaining Your School Enrollment

Jared Johnston - Chair of Undergraduate Education, ORU

In this workshop, participants will learn what factors drive and sustain Christian school enrollment growth.

How Micro-Credentials are Advancing Professional Development for Educators!

Dr. Amanda Wilson - Associate Dean for the College of Education & Associate Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, ORU

Dr. Kim Boyd - Dean for the College of Education & Assistant to the Provost for Exceptional Teaching & Innovation, ORU

Micro-credentials (MC) should be your next stop for professional development! MCs offer short-term, non-credit or for-credit activities and projects for your teachers to help them learn specific career-critical skills and competencies in areas such as classroom management, assessment, literacy, early childhood education, and more!! Learn how ORU is designing MCs for your institution! Once the MC is complete, the teacher, staff, or administrator earns a digital badge, and multiple digital badges mean more effective teachers in the classroom! Designed for your certified and non-certified teachers, staff & administrators, learn how to take advantage of this enriching professional development and motivate your staff, teachers, and administrators to grow in their profession!

Development - Where is the Money?

Darla Otto - Development Director, Wesleyan Christian School, Bartlesville, OK

We know that tuition is not enough to meet the annual budget. So where is the rest of the money? This workshop discusses how to position your school to raise the funds needed to meet your annual budget, periodic major needs, and long term sustainability requirements. An overview of a capital campaign will be discussed.

Marketing That Works for Your School

Darla Otto - Development Director, Wesleyan Christian School, Bartlesville, OK

Your school is a business and can't survive without marketing. But where do you start? What works for Christian Schools? Who is your audience? What needs to be communicated? What are cost effective methods that work? What are common mistakes to avoid? This workshop provides practical, cost effective, proven methods to promote your school.

Using Social Media and Selling Social Media Sponsorships

Darla Otto - Development Director, Wesleyan Christian School, Bartlesville, OK

Social Media is an ever-expanding area of opportunity and we will focus on T specific areas in which Christian Schools are not often effective. 1) Using social media for enrollment marketing and community relations. Come prepared with your social media stories of successes and less-than-successes and we will refocus on what works. 2) Can your school sell social media sponsorships to businesses (who are not parents). Yes, you can and we will share how.

General

Effective “Christian” Communication

Rev. Chris Brown, M.Ed. – Head of School, Lifestyle Christian School, Conroe, Texas

We’ve all received the phone call or email that made us want to escape and contemplate a career change! Navigating difficult conversations and personalities can test the resolve of any educator. As Christian educators, we are not only entrusted with being professional in our communications with parent and students but we are also called to mirror Christ in our responses. This workshop looks at the contrast between worldly and Biblical responses. Through real-world examples and practical approaches, we will explore the art of engaging in courageous conversations infused with the love of Christ and guided by an empathetic perspective. Together we can learn how to embody the grace and understanding our faith calls us to, even in the face of adversity.

Who Did You Run To?

Dr. Candera Lomax – Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education, ORU

When you were a child and you were afraid, who did you run to? This interactive workshop is for the brave hearts. Those who are not afraid to look back to inform how to move forward. While this is not a therapy session, in this workshop, participants will:

- Utilize self-reflection to examine implications for their current role.
- Identify best-practices of Attachment Aware Schools
- Learn strategies to enhance leadership, instruction, program implementation and evaluation of the Christian school educational product.

Music is God's Idea

David Dehner – Associate Professor Director of Choral Studies, ORU

An impactful music program is important to a school's academic success, spiritual development and community development. We will take a look at neurology research on music's importance in cognitive development, discuss Biblical principles that connect our purpose in music and respond to music's ability to build community.

Vocal Health for the Singer and Public Speakers

David Dehner – Associate Professor Director of Choral Studies, ORU

The singer/public speakers' voice is used extensively in education/ministry careers. Often vocal habits attribute quality or lack of quality to the sounds of speech and singing. We will address healthy vocal habits and unhealthy habits. Vocal disfunction can lead to vocal fold damage. Vocal expression was God's idea for worship, public speaking and prayer. It's important that we keep the vocal instrument healthy and effective. This class will also offer demonstration coaching for singers and speakers.

Beyond the Verse: Unveiling God's Presence in Our Academic Content

Cheryl Riley – Head of School, Victory Christian Center School, Charlotte, NC

In this workshop, we embark on a transformative journey beyond the surface of scripture, delving deep into the heart of Biblical integration within educational contexts. While a single verse can inspire, the richness of God's Word extends far beyond isolated passages. Through dynamic demonstrations and practical applications, participants will learn to reveal God's presence within the content they teach, unlocking profound insights and truths that enrich both their lessons and the lives of their students.

So Glad You Stayed: Navigating Challenges and Inspiring Change in Education

Cheryl Riley – Head of School, Victory Christian Center School, Charlotte, NC

In the wake of a global pandemic, the landscape of education has shifted dramatically, presenting educators with unprecedented challenges and complexities. From the pervasive influence of social media to the nuances of addressing issues like bullying, transgenderism, and neurodiversity, the journey of the modern educator is fraught with obstacles. Yet, amidst these challenges, there is hope, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to shaping the future. "So Glad You Stayed" is more than a workshop; it's a heartfelt expression of gratitude and recognition for the tireless dedication of Christian educators who have chosen to remain steadfast in their calling. In this empowering session, we come together as a community to acknowledge the realities of our educational landscape while finding strength and encouragement in our shared mission.

General (cont)

Professional Conduct and Ethics in Christian Schools

Patrick Otto - Chair, Graduate School of Education, ORU

With ever-shifting cultural and legal conditions, the classroom teacher and administrator finds that they must walk wisely as they carry out their daily activities. This workshop explores various current legal topics pertinent to the classroom teacher and looks at the NCATE/ CAEP teacher dispositions.

The Importance of Mission in Christian Schools

Patrick Otto - Chair, Graduate School of Education, ORU

The foundational purposes of a school under the banner of Christ must be built on wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Therefore, for the Christian School, the mission is a banner proclaiming the school's purpose and beliefs and is viewed as the standard by which all programs are assessed.

Ensuring "Sticky" Learning

Janet George - Assistant Professor, ORU

Research suggests that the present generation usually has an attention span of just eight seconds! So, how do we ensure that students are actively engaged in the learning process? In this workshop, we will look at some research-based instructional strategies that you can use to help your students learn new information and remember what they learn.

Understanding and Addressing Trauma in the Classroom

Jared Johnston - Chair of Undergraduate Education, Oral Roberts University

In this workshop, participants will learn how to identify students affected by trauma and how we can best assist them in our schools.

A Roadmap for Rigorous Learning

Dr. Charlene Martin - Senior Professor in Literacy, ORU

Are your lessons inconsistently rigorous? Are there days when some lessons are great and some fall flat? Learn practical steps for how to strategically design instruction that is purposeful, engaging, and rigorous. Learn how these simple components work together as the backbone for both classroom management and effective instruction. This session will be delivered in a conversational format that will invite audience input throughout.

Release the Potential in All Students – Supporting Lower-Performing Students

Carolyn Stubbs - Director of Program for Academic Vision & Empowerment/ Advantage Program Coordinator, ORU

Help every student in your classroom excel! This interactive workshop will explore effective instructional strategies that can be used to meet the unique needs of lower-performing students. Using research, best practices and biblical principles, participants will be equipped with knowledge, skills, and strategies to implement in their classrooms.

Providing Social Emotional & Trauma Support for Students

Carolyn Stubbs - Director of Program for Academic Vision & Empowerment/ Advantage Program Coordinator, ORU

There is a growing need for effective social-emotional learning opportunities for students especially those impacted by trauma. This workshop will provide practical steps that teachers and schools can take to meet the social-emotional needs of all students. Special emphasis will be placed on implementing activities and processes in the classroom to support social-emotional development.

Finding the Missing Puzzle Piece to Academic Success

Evie Lindberg - College of Education, ORU

Dr. Carolyn Stubbs - Director of PAVE, ORU

This workshop will share insight into what you need to consider in order to help struggling learner to become successful in the world of academics. The focus is on providing practical strategies, tools, tips and techniques to help every student succeed.

General (cont)

Grant Writing Part 2

Dr. Libby Adjei – College of Education, ORU

Dr. Mary Miller – College of Education, ORU

Dr. Gwetheldene Holzman – College of Education, ORU

In this intensive class, participants will take a journey through the many facets of grant writing. Through interactive exercises and real-world examples, attendees will gain insights into crafting compelling proposals that stand out. We will delve into various aspects of grant writing, from identifying funding opportunities to writing a convincing narrative and navigating the review process. However, this workshop is about more than just theoretical knowledge. We will take you on a behind-the-scenes adventure, sharing our real-life experiences of writing a grant as a team. From brainstorming ideas to gathering data and navigating the complexities of the application process, we will share our triumphs, our challenges, and the lessons we learned along the way.

Elementary

Sit in Your Student's Seat: From Reading to Studying the Bible

Leah Pitchford – DeepRoots Bible Curriculum

Take your students deeper as you teach them to study God's Word instead of simply reading it. In this hands-on workshop you will play the part of the student as you annotate a verse, examine its context, and explore how to apply it. Learn and practice the inductive Bible study steps of observation, interpretation, and application. Bring these skills home and implement them in your classroom, equipping your students to be hearers, examiners, and doers of the Word!

Transformative Bible Instruction

Dr. Charlene Martin – Senior Professor in Literacy, ORU

Makenzie Hollingsworth – Lead Teacher, Lincoln Christian School, Tulsa, OK

Learn practical steps for integrating Bible instruction with Literacy instruction that will raise the rigor in the authentic application of scriptures into students personal lives. This method provides opportunity for students to routinely use text evidence as their basis for ideas and thinking. See examples of how students were encouraged to engage in rigorous conversation focused on extracting meaning from scripture. The students were transformed as they learn to use the Bible for all thinking in all contexts – a total Biblical integration into their lives.

Incorporating Music's Benefits into Your Classrooms

Denie Riggs – Founding Director/ Administrator, Perfect Praise

Michael Riggs – President, Perfect Praise

In this workshop, we will investigate four levels of engagement with music and give take-away insights and tips on how to incorporate these levels into your classrooms, releasing amazing benefits spirit, soul and body.

Maximize Learning Through the Power of the Piano

Denie Riggs – Founding Director/ Administrator, Perfect Praise

Michael Riggs – President, Perfect Praise

We will share the amazing benefits of engaging with the piano and how to incorporate its power to benefit the academics of every student at your school.

Spanish

Como convertir a tu colegio en Bilingüe, ¡Ya!

Yair Herrera - English Teacher / Bilingualism Leader, Colegio Boston Internacional SAS

Este taller te permitirá conocer los pasos sencillos a implementar para iniciar la transición de tu colegio a un programa de bilingüismo (Inglés - Español) exitoso, que incluya Inteligencia Emocional y Cultural, Certificación Internacional, Aprendizaje Cooperativo y Colaborativo entre otros.