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ACADEMIC ADVISING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Academic Advising and Career Development serves two main functions:

- 1) Advising for undergraduate deciding and Bachelor of General Studies students
- 2) Career development for all students.

Two of the primary career services we offer are resume critiques and mock interviews. To have your resume critiqued, send your resume to careerserv@unk.edu. For mock interviews, we recommend students start by practicing their interview skills through our virtual interviewing platform [Big Interview](#). We also offer one on one mock interviews with a career advisor.

Additionally, all students are encouraged to set up their [Handshake](#) account (use your UNK email and password). Handshake is a multi-purpose platform for Career Fairs and other career events, job postings, employer reviews, and professional networking.



Emily Beaman

Academic and Career
Advisor

STEM EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Program is 36 credit hours, non-thesis, and can typically be completed in 2-3 years
- Combines pedagogy, curriculum, and educational research courses with content courses in Biology, Chemistry, Math, and Physics
- Integrated option requires 12 hours in emphasis area with additional supporting science courses
- Chemistry option requires 18 hours in chemistry with additional supporting science courses
- Many students are able to teach dual-credit courses following completion of program
- Capstone course offers students focused opportunity to reflect on new curriculum possibilities for their own classrooms

GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

Research Week!

Check out all the wonderful research our students and faculty are working on during Research Week! The Canvas page Research Week 2021 is your one place stop to check out the Oral Presentations, Virtual Poster Presentations, and Poster Galleries.

Professional Development Workshop

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Recorded Workshop Link

Discover Your Learning Style

This workshop will help you discover if you are an auditory, kinesthetic, or visual learner. When you understand the way you learn, you become a more effective student. You will learn some study tips related to your specific learning style to help you in becoming a successful student.

Presented by Dr. Michelle Warren and Dr. Chandra Díaz.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

March 11th- Industrial Distribution
Virtual Career Fair

March 31st- Student Government
Inauguration

April 13th- Newly admitted and returning graduate students are eligible to enroll for graduate-level courses. If undergraduate-level courses are needed, enrollment will begin April 26th during general registration.

COVID-19 UPDATES

To stay up to date on current policies and regulations on campus, we recommend checking the [UNK Coronavirus Information](#) and the [IRB](#) webpage for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Let us all do our part to keep UNK Campus safe and healthy

- Wear a mask
- Use hand-sanitizer frequently
- Follow walking path direction signage around campus
- Wash your hands frequently
- Monitor your health and stay home if you feel ill



HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER?

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Graduate Faculty Spotlight

What is your role at UNK and how long have you been with UNK?

I serve as an Associate Professor of Music and Teacher Education and Chair the Graduate Music Program. This is my 9th year at UNK.

What is your favorite thing about your program/department?

Working with an incredible group of students to help them grow as musicians and teachers.

What is your favorite thing about UNK?

Working with the best and brightest students and faculty. Education is truly about building up people and UNK is a wonderful atmosphere to foster this pedagogical growth.

What are your hobbies/interests (other than making UNK great)?

I love studying wind band history and repertoire and working on my house.

What advice would you give current graduate students?

View every assignment and educational task as an opportunity for growth. Ask a gazillion questions of your professors and continue to seek them out after graduation. We love to celebrate your accomplishments.

Greatest Educational Achievement?

Watching our candidates graduate and make a positive difference in the lives of their students.



Brian Alber
Associate Professor of
Music & Teacher
Education

Favorite Quote: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle

Graduate Student Spotlight

What inspired you to pursue a graduate degree?

Becoming a Speech-Language Pathologist has been my dream career for quite some time, and graduate school is my final stepping stone to becoming one. During my undergraduate career at UNK, I received a gratifying experience as both a student and an individual. Pursuing a graduate degree at UNK was an easy decision because of the positive learning environment it provides. UNK has been a great fit as both an undergraduate and graduate student.

What is your favorite thing about your graduate program?

My favorite thing about my graduate program is the hands-on experience I am able to receive. I am diversifying my skills and knowledge as a future Speech-Language Pathologist because of the innovative curriculum that UNK provides. I also love how our program is always striving to provide the best education possible to create the best working professionals. The professors always make an effort to accommodate different learning styles and provide support when needed.

What is your favorite thing about UNK?

I love the tight-knit community that UNK provides. I have the opportunity to collaborate with various departments and faculty all over campus, while gaining valuable experience along the way.

What are my hobbies and interests (outside of cramming for exams and papers)?

I love spending quality time with my friends and family, watching professional tennis, exploring Kearney's coffee shops, and being with my dog, Mila.



Claire Vanness
1st Year
Graduate Student In
Speech Language
Pathology Program

Favorite Quote:
"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." -Maya Angelou

SEMESTER DATES AND DEADLINES:

Graduation Application Deadlines: Apply via your MyBlue account under the Academics Tab

- June 15- Summer 2021

Last Day to Drop Spring 2021 class with "W"

- March 26

Early Registration For All Students

- April 5th: registering for Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 classes. Available to all students currently enrolled in Spring courses

Registration

- April 13th: Newly admitted and returning graduate students are eligible to enroll for graduate-level courses. If undergraduate-level courses are needed, enrollment will begin April 26th during general registration.

May 2021 Graduation

- Rehearsal will be an online video
- Graduate Graduation Ceremony- May 8th at 10am

Questions about graduation contact Carmen Brewer brewerc@unk.edu

