

Grand Valley State University  
Dean of the College of Education

Grand Valley State University seeks a visionary, collaborative leader to serve as the Dean of its College of Education. This is an exceptional opportunity for someone with the entrepreneurial skills and imagination to build on the college's current strengths and expand its engagement with important educational reform movements. The new Dean will position the College for significant involvement and influence in the evolution of policy and practice for teacher preparation in K-12 education locally, regionally and nationally.

Founded in 1960 as a liberal arts college, today Grand Valley State University offers high quality undergraduate and graduate programs and state-of-the-art facilities which attract more than 25,000 students from across the country and around the world. Grand Valley is the comprehensive university for Michigan's second largest metropolitan area and has campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and Holland, as well as centers in Muskegon, Traverse City and Detroit (all in Michigan). The university's liberal education commitment fosters critical thinking, creative problem solving and inter-cultural understanding to complement all academic degree programs (86 undergraduate and 34 graduate programs).

The College of Education is committed to preparing professionals who provide excellent instruction, research, service and leadership to a diverse and global community and who are instilled with a sense of advocacy for their profession and their students. Its mission is to develop quality educators to teach, lead and serve, underscoring Grand Valley's commitment to educate students to be increasingly responsible citizens in their home neighborhoods and in the world.

The ideal candidate will be an innovative, collaborative and persuasive, energetic leader who is able to work successfully with state and national leaders in education practice, policy and research. The Dean will provide strategic, collegial leadership to advance excellence in all of the college's programs and to work with others across the university to create partnerships and promote interdisciplinary education programs. Additional information, including a Leadership Profile, can be found at [www.wittkieffer.com](http://www.wittkieffer.com).

The successful candidate will have had increasingly responsible and successful leadership roles in academe. Possessing a doctoral degree together with experience within the academy commensurate with an appointment to the faculty at the rank of professor, the Dean will be a person with a strong reputation as a leader in the field of education and enthusiasm for bringing that expertise to benefit all constituencies of the University. For further information, visit [www.gvsu.edu](http://www.gvsu.edu).

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. A complete leadership profile can be found at: [www.wittkiever.com](http://www.wittkiever.com). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For fullest consideration, applicant materials should be received by October 10, 2015. Candidates should provide a curriculum vitae or resumé, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the Leadership Profile and the names and contact information of five references. These materials should be sent via e-mail to the Search Committee's consultants Oliver B. Tomlin, III and Jennifer G. Bauer at [GVSUDEAN@wittkiever.com](mailto:GVSUDEAN@wittkiever.com). The consultants can be reached by phone through the office of Natalie Clay at (301) 654-5070.

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It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs,  
and the use of its facilities.*