

Adjunct Professors in Teacher and Administrator Preparation Programs

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Abstract

The use of adjunct professors has increased drastically in recent decades, including the use of adjunct professors in teacher and administrator preparation programs. The inclusion of the part-time faculty, typically current or retired practitioners, brings unique benefits and difficulties to universities and faculty. This panel will allow participants to better understand the factors involved in the use of adjunct professors as well as allow for discussion of best practices.

Specifically, the presentation will include the following subtopics:

- Orientation and training needs of the practitioner serving as adjunct professor
- Experiences of adjunct faculty and students who have had classes with adjunct faculty, especially the benefits and problems encountered
- Discussion of recommendations for best practices in the orientation and training of practitioner faculty.