

# Joshua S. Deason, M.A.

Founder, Pre-med Partner

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## EDUCATION

- Master of Arts, Ministerial Leadership, Indiana Wesleyan University (2009)
- Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette (1997)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *University of Nevada, Reno*

- Pre-Professional Advisor (2019-present)
  - Advise pre-health students (pre-med, PA, dental, PT, OT, optometry, pharmacy) from orientation through application
  - Teach Pre-Health Exploration course (ACE 101)
  - Faculty advisor for Pre-OT club, Pre-Pharmacy club, and HOSA
  - Media and Publications Committee member for NAAHP
  - Board member for WAAHP
  - MMI interview reviewer for UNR Med (2021-2022)
  - Executive board member for WAPLA
  - Brought first ever law school fair to UNR
  - Manage student files and records within PeopleSoft and Navigate systems

### *Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN*

- Assistant Director For Clinical Experiences, School of Ed. Leadership (2017-2019)
  - Assign and train faculty and cooperating teachers for student teaching cohorts
  - Advise students and teachers on placement policies and procedures
  - Oversee placements for 200+ students in teacher education programs
  - Supervise 2 full-time support specialists
- Program Representative (2016-2017)
  - Advise students on education options and optimal fit for enrollment
  - Initiate contact to new prospective students
  - Accurately maintain student records to insure proper reporting

### *Washoe County School District, Reno, NV*

- Equity and Diversity Specialist (2014-2016)
  - Facilitated professional development of culturally responsive practices for teachers, administrators, and support staff
  - Developed and implemented policies, programs, and procedures around equitable practices District-wide
  - Developer and instructor for Equity 101 sixteen-hour teacher/administrator course for in-service credit
  - Utilize data around academics and professional standards to address disproportionality

- Supervised 6 Student Graduation Advocates that supported African American, Native American, and Pacific Islander students (25 students per Advocate)
- Coordinated “Start Thinking About College” program with Center for Student Cultural Diversity at University of Nevada, Reno for 800 middle school students
- Collaborated with multiple departments within district, including MTSS/SEL/PBIS, Family School Partnerships, and counseling

*Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Reno, NV*

- Family Programming Director (2010-2014)
  - Advised students and families about resources for 10,000+ member Club
  - Recruited students and families for programs and events
  - Referred students and families to local agencies for aid/assistance
  - Collaborated with community partners for family education events
  - Administered database of students and families for assistance programs

*Boys Town, Boys Town, NE*

- Campus Pastor (2008-2010)
  - Taught religious education classes for new students at Boys Town High School
  - Wrote curriculum, organized and oversaw three annual Senior Retreats
  - Conducted new hire orientation for religion department
  - Advised and counseled students and student’s families on student progress
  - Advised students on campus moral standards alongside other campus pastors
  - Coordinated campus-wide community service events for all students/staff
  - Coordinated community service reporting for faculty and staff
  - Referred students to resources on campus when appropriate
  - Counseled students from multiple ethnic backgrounds across US
  
- Family Teacher (2003-2008)
  - Advised and counseled students on academic and behavioral progress
  - Counseled students in crisis behavioral episodes
  - Taught social skills using point system in a highly structured system
  - Prepared reports for state and federal reporting on youth’s progress
  - Participated in Individual Education Plan (IEP) development for students
  - Tutored students with academic work and preparing for testing
  - Participated in treatment team meetings to evaluate student progress
  - Participated in intake meetings, including assessment, policies and procedures
  - Selected as role-model “Support Training Couple” for new hires
  - Managed full time teaching assistant

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Faculty Ambassador, Digital Wolfpack Initiative, University of Nevada, Reno (2023-present)

- Committee Member, Media and Publication Committee, National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (2022-present)
- Executive Board Member, Western Association of Pre-Law Advisors (2020-present)
- Board of Directors, Western Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (2022-present)
- Education Member, Northern Nevada Faith-Based Coalition for Healthy Families (2015-2016)
- Business member, Financial Stability Partnership of Northern Nevada (2012-2014)
- Council on Family Engagement, Washoe County School District
  - Chair (2013-2014), Vice-Chair (2011-2013)
- Volunteer for Celebrate Recovery addiction recovery group. (2004-2006; 2019-present)
- Part-time worship leader for multiple churches/organizations (2001-present)

### **CERTIFICATES**

- NAAHP 2023 Admissions Case Studies Series
- Strong Interest Inventory certified practitioner (2020)
- MBTI certified practitioner for educators and career counselors (2016)

### **COURSES**

- ACE 100- Academic and Career Exploration; instructor and course writer
- ACE 101- Pre-Health Exploration; instructor and course writer
- HON 109- Introduction to Honors; instructor and course writer

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Deason J. & Leal, G. (Spring 2023) Western Association of Advisors for the Health Professions Regional Conference; *ACE 101: Teaching Padawans The Way of the E-A-M's*

### **RECENT CONFERENCES/TRAININGS**

- US Army Cut-Suit Health Professions Educators Tour, May 2023, San Diego, CA
- WAAHP Regional Conference, May 2023, Anaheim, CA
- US Air Force Health Professions Educators Tour, February 2023, San Antonio, TX
- NAAHP National Conference, June 2022, Denver, CO
- WAAHP Regional Conference, May 2021, Virtual