

We are please to announce Dr. Daisy Fredricks as our new Director of Teaching Education in the College of Education and Community Innovation beginning May 6, 2022.

Dr. Fredricks has been a faculty member in the Department of Teaching and Learning at GVSU since 2017. She has a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics and an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction: ESL and Bilingual Education from Arizona State University, as well as B.A. in Spanish (Elementary Education) from GVSU.

Daisy has experience as a former bilingual, elementary, and middle school classroom teacher who has taught in under-served schools in Michigan, Texas, and Arizona. She has experience coordinating graduate programs in her previous role at the University of Maryland College Park where she also engaged in program review and coordinating teacher candidate placements. Dr. Fredricks also has experience with course development and redesign since joining us at GVSU.

Daisy's research experience is centered on identification of core practices or high leverage practices for novice teachers working with multilingual students in PK-12 classrooms. She is committed to being an active participant in disrupting the systemic inequities that create and perpetuate inequitable learning opportunities for particular learners by improving the quality of teacher preparation programs through effective instruction that is grounded in empirical research.

Dr. Fredricks will take over from Dr. Amy Schelling who has led our efforts in teacher education since 2019. We are particularly grateful for Amy's leadership in establishing a new productive, collaborative relationship with colleagues outside our college. Amy has also led our curricular and program changes related to our initial certification program. Thank you to Dr. Schelling for her significant contributions to advancing our initial certification programs.