

**Dr. Julie Bilz**

Assistant Professor of Education  
Ivy Tech Community College

Educational background

Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (Teacher Education Specialty), Walden University  
M.S. in Educational Leadership, Indiana University  
B.S. in Secondary Education

Past positions related to teacher education

Middle School Teacher, 12 years  
Elementary Teacher, two years

National educational memberships including past or current positions

None

Past NACCTEP Board positions or committees

None

What is your vision for community college teacher education programs?

I would like to see teacher education programs in community colleges provide seamless transitions to more four year universities. Also, the programs should provide a rigorous curriculum and innovative instruction. Finally, more visibility is needed to attract and recruit members to community college teacher education programs.

What advice would you give to a future teacher?

I always ask prospective students why they want to be a teacher, and I look for the word passion in their answer. Passion is the main ingredient in becoming an effective teacher. I encourage students to go into the education field in which they are most interested, whether early childhood, elementary, secondary, or post-secondary.

Interest or hobbies

Volunteering (Humane Society), walking/hiking, biking, reading, cooking, computers, watching movies, kayaking, and traveling