5.3.e. Summary of faculty service and collaborative activities in schools

**Service Learning at Williams**

Faculty members at Williams Baptist College demonstrate best practices in service to the profession as evidenced by their numerous affiliations and leadership positions within local, state, national, and international organizations. Yet Williams faculty also provide many services within the local Walnut Ridge community and surrounding areas.

WTEP faculty members collaborate regularly and systematically with the broader community and its P-12 school constituents to improve teaching, candidate learning, and the preparation of teacher candidates. This collaboration includes significant and meaningful relationships with area principals, superintendents, and public school teachers. The Williams WTEP also maintains a close collaborative relationship with the staff of the Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative.

Specific service learning projects for WTEP students currently include the following opportunities: (1) Lunch Buddy Program (Community Partner: Walnut Ridge Schools); (2) Children’s Shelter Volunteer (Community Partner: Children’s Shelter of Lawrence County); (3) Nursing Center Volunteer (Community Partners: Lawrence Hall Nursing Center, Walnut Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center); (4) Hospice Volunteer (Community Partner: Legacy Hospice); (5) Museum Exhibit Researcher/Designer (Community Partner: Wings of Honor Museum); (6) Museum Records Researcher (Community Partner: Wings of Honor Museum); (7) Children’s Shelter Tutor (Community Partner: Children’s Shelter of Lawrence County); (8) Hospital Volunteer (Community Partner: Lawrence Health Services); and, (9) Archive Assistant (Community Partner: Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives). In addition, students in the Physical Education department serve as volunteers in the Area 1 and Area 7 Special Olympics that occurs every spring in Northeast Arkansas.

Many WTEP faculty members incorporate service learning activities into their programs and courses. Dr. Steven Harthorn, Assistant Professor of English, coordinates service learning opportunities on the Williams campus and recruits students for extracurricular service learning activities. (For more information on current service learning opportunities available, click on the following link: [www.williamsbaptistcollege.com/current_students/student_life/service_learning.aspx](http://www.williamsbaptistcollege.com/current_students/student_life/service_learning.aspx).)