6.3.i RESOURCES

The Education Unit’s goal is accountability and continued improvement of teacher preparation and to produce exemplary teachers. The unit supports the teaching staff and the teacher candidates by having many resources.

The faculty of Williams Baptist College is committed to using recent technology to promote effective practices. As mentioned in the narrative for 6.1 Unit Governance and Resources, the majority of campus classrooms are smart classrooms equipped with both a PC and projector. Two classrooms are outfitted with SMART Board interactive whiteboards and document cameras, thus allowing our education students to receive training in modern classroom technology.

Students have access to computer labs at four locations across campus: the Sloan Center, the Maddox Fine Arts, the Southerland-Mabee Center, and the Felix Goodson Library. While three of the computer labs operate only during normal business hours, the library is accessible until midnight.

An extensive amount of curriculum is disseminated in the Felix Goodson Library. The library supports the most recent development in information literacy. The technology allows faculty and teacher candidates to model effective teaching practices. There are thirty-one data bases implemented with tutorials for the education unit, community, and interlibrary loans. The data bases World Cat and EBSCO are used by the education majors frequently for lesson plans, learning theory, exceptional behavior, and other research. ELL is encouraged for use with diverse students and for translation of English language to another to reach all students and community. Most everything is online including journals, e-books, and printed materials. The library is easily accessed from the student’s home, dorm, or anywhere on campus and remains in touch with the public through its Facebook site. Students enrolled in ED2203 Introduction to Teaching receive more in-depth training about current databases/technology and how to expand research.

The Ed Lab is in the Sloan Center for easy access for the Education Unit. The lab contains many award winning books and other resources.

Another resource available to education majors and faculty is the Northeast Arkansas Cooperative, media, specific topics studied, and the Make-N-Take Center.

The unit ensures teacher candidates will attain content, pedagogy, and professional skills independently and collaboratively by using these resources. Williams Baptist College desires teacher candidates who are prepared to be effective educators who integrate and care.