



COLLEGE OF
**EDUCATION AND
HUMAN SCIENCES**

**Shelbie Witte, Ph.D., Dean, College of Education and Human Development
University of North Dakota**

Interview: Arrive on Sunday, October 5 and depart on Tuesday, October 7

Campus Forum: Monday, October 6, 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Jorns Hall, Nancy Randolph Davis Building **and** via Zoom with reception following

Zoom link: <https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/j/92447514754>

Meeting ID: 924 4751 4754, Passcode: 631282

Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences Search Site (resource site for CV, bio, itinerary, and confidential input sheet): [link](#)

Dr. Shelbie Witte joined the University of North Dakota in July 2024 as Dean of the College of Education and Human Development. With nearly three decades of experience as an educator and leader, she has served in teaching and leadership roles at Florida State University and, most recently, Oklahoma State University.

Since her arrival at UND, Dr. Witte has guided the college through a period of purposeful transformation and growth, marked by transparency, collaboration, and a renewed emphasis on community and student success. She has introduced new student support structures, led a collaborative budget realignment process, and advanced faculty and staff-driven initiatives that elevate teaching, research, and well-being across the college.

Prior to her time at UND, Dr. Witte spent more than a decade at Oklahoma State University, where she held the Kim and Chuck Watson Endowed Chair in Education and served as professor of adolescent literacy and English Education. She also took on key leadership roles as Senior Director of Teacher Education, director of the OSU Writing Project, and proudly served the School of Teaching, Learning, and Educational Sciences as School Head. In these positions, she helped navigate significant college transitions, strengthened support for faculty, staff, and students, and partnered with development leaders and alumni to launch the *Educating Forward* campaign, which surpassed its \$5 million goal in scholarships.

Nationally, Dr. Witte is recognized for her scholarship in adolescent and digital literacies, with an extensive record of publications and external funding centered on digital learning, teacher–librarian partnerships, and English language arts teacher education. She has authored, co-authored, and edited books, book chapters, and given more than 200 peer-reviewed presentations. She has provided leadership to professional organizations including the National Council of Teachers of English, the English Language Arts Teacher Educators, and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

A first-generation college graduate, Dr. Witte began her career in 1995 as a middle school English teacher in rural Oklahoma. Those early experiences, grounded in community and the realities of the classroom, continue to shape her perspective as a dean. Throughout her career, she has carried forward that same commitment to access and opportunity, ensuring that students, faculty, alumni, and community partners are supported and valued. Colleagues know her for her collaborative, people-centered leadership and for her steadfast belief in education's power to open doors and transform lives.