

Department of Teaching and Learning

Faculty Profile and Curriculum Vitae



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Credentials:

Ed.D. Florida Atlantic University, Educational Leadership, 1982

Ed.S. Florida Atlantic University, Administration and Supervision, 1980

M.S. State University College of New York at Buffalo, Biology/Secondary Science, 1970

B. S. State University College of New York at New Paltz, Biology, 1965

Biography

Dr. Nancy Romance is Professor of Science/Literacy Education for the Department of Teaching and Learning in Florida Atlantic University (FAU)'s College of Education (COE). She joined FAU as Assistant Professor and Department Chairperson of Elementary Education in 1987. Dr. Romance became Associate Professor, Science Education, Curriculum and Instruction Systems in 1990 and was promoted to Professor in 1992. During her FAU career, she held leadership positions: Executive Director, Region V Area Center for Educational Enhancement from 1996 to 2003, Interim Director, Division of Research, COE, from 2002-2004, and Professor and Science Education Specialist, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science, from 2005 to 2008.

Presently, Dr. Romance teaches courses in environmental education and is the Principal Investigator (PI), with Dr. Michael Vitale of East Carolina University, of the United State Department of Education (USDOE)/ Institute of Education Science (IES) grant for the Vocabulary Development Initiative. The objective of the grant, which was funded in 2008 for \$1.5 million, is to develop a systematic approach to accelerate the vocabulary growth of students in grades three, four, and five while also supporting their reading comprehension. Dr. Romance received the Researcher of the Year Award from the COE in 1997, 2002, 2003, and 2009 and was FAU Researcher of the Year in 2003. The USDOE/IES invited Dr. Romance to be a permanent member of the Panel Review Team for Mathematics and Science, Mathematics and Science Teacher Quality and Technology Innovation from 2009 to 2011. She is also Co-PI on two National Science Foundation Grants. Dr. Romance has brought in almost \$20 million in external funding.