

Peru State College unveils new teaching lab

**Peru, Nebraska - The School of Education at Peru State College is proud to announce the launch of its innovative Teaching Experience Learning Lab (TELL), a creative classroom space designed to enhance teacher candidates' skills and abilities using research-based instructional practices.**

**TELL is a unique classroom space modeled after 21st Century classrooms currently in the teaching field. The lab's flexible seating and furniture, SMART Board, and various one-to-one technologies provide teacher candidates with the tools needed to create an optimal learning experience for their future students. Additionally, the lab is equipped with recording devices to allow for in-depth personal reflection and collaborative feedback on teaching lessons.**

**“By creating a space with flexible furniture and 1 to 1 technology, we are empowered to cultivate a learning environment that encourages collaboration, creativity, and personalized teaching practices for every candidate that goes beyond traditional teaching methods,” said Dr. Dwayne Chism, Dean of the School of Education. “The lab will help us prepare teaching candidates to be quality educators for tomorrow- learners.”**

**The lab's flexible furniture design allows it to be transformed within minutes to take on the appearance of various high-impact teaching and learning environments. With TELL, teacher candidates can implement and explore course concepts and various methods first-hand, providing them with invaluable experience and preparing them to be quality educators for tomorrow's learners.**

**Gabrielle Krienert, a Peru State teacher candidate said, “Learning in the TELL lab classroom has allowed me to see how my classroom set up can foster communication, teamwork, and creativity between my peers and future students with a hands-on approach.”**

**Peru State College's School of Education is excited to launch the Teaching Experience Learning Lab and looks forward to seeing the impact it will have on preparing teacher candidates to be successful educators.**

**“Using the TELL room has afforded teacher candidates the opportunity to see cutting edge technology and flexible seating opportunities that they may seek out in their future classrooms,” said Dr. Gina Bittner, Associate Professor of Education.**

**The Peru State College School of Education is accredited under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Standards through the**

## **CAEP Accreditation System.**

**Peru State- “Campus of a Thousand Oaks”, an arboretum campus, is nestled in historic southeast Nebraska. The state- first college, Peru State provides students of all backgrounds access to engaging educational experiences to strengthen and enrich communities, Nebraska and the world.**

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