

# Michael Bullis

Michael Bullis is Dean of the College of Education and Sommerville-Knight Professor. His faculty appointment is in the Department of Special Education and Clinical Sciences. He has been dean since 2005.



Dr. Bullis received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Purdue University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in 1983 in special education and rehabilitation, specializing in research methods. Before returning to the University of Oregon in 1995, he was a research associate at the University of Arkansas Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Deafness and the associate director of the Teaching Research Division of Western Oregon University.

Dr. Bullis has developed innovative secondary and transition service delivery models and studied the community adjustment experiences of adolescents returning to the community from correctional settings. His current research interests relate to the longitudinal development and community adjustment of at-risk adolescents, social behavior in work settings, assessment of work and independent living skills, resilience, and vocational placement and support procedures.

Since 1986, Dr. Bullis has been awarded and managed 37 externally funded research and model demonstration projects, totaling more than \$22 million, focusing on high-risk adolescents which include those with emotional disorders or who are in the correctional system. Prior to his appointment as dean, he founded and directed the National Post-School Outcomes Center funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. The National Post School Outcomes Center works with state departments of education to develop and implement data-collection systems to profile the school-to-community transition experiences of adolescents with disabilities. These systems are used to shape national policies as well as educational practices in all states.

Dr. Bullis has written or co-written more than 120 professional publications and serves on the editorial boards of *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin*, *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, and *Career Development for Exceptional Individuals*.



Dr. Michael Bullis was the recipient of the *Outstanding Leadership Award* from the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavioral Disorders in 2009.