II. RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY
   A. PUBLICATION, GRANTS, INVENTORSHIPS

Promotion Requirement: Since the candidate’s initial appointment to the rank of associate professor at WKU or last promotion, the candidate must publish two articles relevant to the candidate’s field in refereed journal(s) (print or electronic/online) of national/international scope and complete two of the following criteria descriptors:
(Activities may be in one or more criteria descriptors.)

   Research is a means to expand my knowledge of and contribution to the teaching environment. As I explore the body of knowledge created by other authors, I find ways to continue to develop my teaching and research. My research focus has been on the development of the CReaTE framework whose four components are Cognitive complexity, Real world learning, Technology integration, and Engagement.

   Another research area has been promoting a sense of community in online courses. I have published two articles in this area.