

School of Education

Conceptual Framework

The School of Education conceptual framework guides the curriculum, instruction, and assessment for all initial and advanced professional education programs in the College of Education. This framework comprises a standards-driven, learner-centered, assessment-informed, collaborative approach through which teachers, administrators, and other school personnel develop the knowledge, dispositions, and skills deemed essential for effective professionals.

Standards for Advanced Professionals: The School of Education Standards for Advanced Professionals address the knowledge, dispositions, and skills required for school personnel completing initial and advanced/administrative preparation. These standards present the advanced professional as reflective, inquiry-oriented, cognizant of cultural diversity and individual differences, able to communicate effectively, aware of the research in his/her field, and able to assume leadership responsibilities.

Professional Studies and Research: The professional accesses, reads, and interprets the literature in his/her field and applies information from the research to professional practice.

Theoretical Foundations: The professional understands the theoretical foundations of the profession and applies knowledge of theoretical foundations to professional practice.

Professional Practice: The professional recognizes and addresses current issues in the profession, solves problems encountered in professional practice, and reflects on his/her professional practice and its effects.

Exceptionality and Diversity: The professional addresses issues of exceptionality and cultural diversity in his/her professional practice.

Technology: The professional uses technology in his/her professional practice.

Assessment: The professional uses a variety of formal and informal assessments to evaluate his/her performance and the performance of others.

Management of the Work Environment: The professional creates and maintains a safe and productive work environment.

Leadership: The professional assumes leadership roles in the profession and shares knowledge and expertise with others in the profession and community.

Interpersonal Skills: The professional fosters and maintains positive work relationships and models effective oral and written communication.

Personal Characteristics: The professional displays the beliefs, values, and behaviors that guide the ethical dimensions of professional practice.