

Our Mission

The mission of the College of Education is to use research and scholarship to prepare and support teachers, leaders, counselors, speech language pathologists, and exercise and health professionals to improve the lives of people and communities.

Our Aspiration

As researchers, scholars and educators, we aspire to be a leading resource for research, professional preparation, policy, and public engagement in local, state, national, and international communities.

Our Values

As researchers, scholars and educators, we affirm that our values represent what we collectively stand for, guide our conversations, and express how we aspire to carry out our responsibilities on a daily basis as we pursue our mission and aspiration.

Commitment to Students - We believe that our first commitment is to students through teaching, advising, and mentoring, and then to state and national accountability systems. Therefore, we reaffirm the importance of teaching and graduating exemplary students. As a college we will instill in our students a respect for research-based inquiry, reflective thinking, and the value of lifelong learning.

Scholarly and creative processes - We believe that creativity, discovery of new knowledge, innovation and new applications to improve learning grow from scholarship. Therefore, we affirm the importance of making time for thinking and creating as part of our scholarly lives. As a college, we will support student and faculty freedom of inquiry and independence of thought, including rigorous interdisciplinary research that enhances learning and fosters engagement with schools, colleges and universities, and governmental and community organizations locally, nationally and internationally, public and private.

Integrity - We believe that integrity in all its forms: delivering on our promises, a reputation for honesty and transparency, and treating others with fairness is indispensable to achieving our mission and aspiration. Therefore, we will create a collegial community where all members are expected to treat each individual with civility and engage in ethical behaviors that advance learning while maintaining standards of personal and professional behavior of the highest order. As a college we will sustain a culture that is based on ethical conduct.

Community - We believe that striving for excellence in research, teaching and outreach activities is the essence of professional practice. Therefore, we will create a welcoming inclusive environment and encourage transparent and forthright communication and participation. As a college we reaffirm the importance of creating, strengthening, and preserving stimulating learning communities among ourselves, our students, our alumni and our public constituencies.

Advocacy - We believe that we have a responsibility to lead by using our knowledge and scholarship to inform policy and practice. Therefore, we will champion diversity, freedom of expression, and debate, in the best interests of education. As a college we will advocate for our students, our college, and our professions.

Our Priorities¹



Applied Research - Focus on applied research by transferring research conducted in the college to inform specific policy, practice, and pedagogy.

Branding/Marketing – Create and implement a comprehensive marketing plan to attract students, collaborators, and donors.

E-Learning – Promote the utilization of emerging technologies to develop courses, degrees, and consultations that expand FAU COE's audience across the University, and our traditional service area.

Public Engagement – Share our expertise with the public through collaboration, consultation, and traditional (e.g., forums, seminars) and emerging technologies (e.g., podcasting, webinars).

Retain & Attract High Quality Faculty - Retain and attract additional high-quality faculty who can contribute to and promote FAU COE's academic public image.

*= Listed Alphabetically

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