

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Our Conceptual Framework

The School of Education prepares competent and caring teachers.

The Conceptual Framework and Assessment Points

The School of Education has defined what it means by “competent and caring teachers” by specifying the areas below as representative points for focus and assessment:

A **competent teacher** possesses at least these knowledge and skills traits:

- A. Content Knowledge
 - 1. Exhibits content knowledge in their area of teaching.
 - 2. Applies content knowledge appropriately in instruction for all P-12 students.
- B. Exhibits Professional Knowledge and Skills
 - 1. Creates and maintains a safe and productive learning environment for all P-12 students.
 - 2. Plans varied instruction to meet the needs of all P-12 students.
 - 3. Applies professional knowledge and skills in the classroom/clinical experiences for all P-12 students.
 - 4. Utilizes effective instructional strategies, technology and information resources to cause learning in all P-12 students.
 - 5. Demonstrates creativity and innovation in creating effective learning experiences for all P-12 students.
 - 6. Demonstrates critical thinking and problem solving in creating effective learning experiences for all P-12 students.
 - 7. Demonstrates the use of multiple perspectives and interdisciplinary themes in creating effective learning experiences for all P-12 students.
 - 8. Assesses learning and learners, analyze assessment data results, and adapt / adjust instruction based on assessment results for all P-12 students.

A **caring teacher** possesses at least these professional dispositions:

- A. Exhibits professional attributes and dispositions.
 - 1. Shows respect for learners and the learning process by exhibiting instructional / assessment flexibility to accommodate for the individual differences of all P-12 students.
 - 2. Respects families, cultures, and communities by demonstrating a sense of fairness to all participants.
 - 3. Communicates and collaborates with colleagues, P-12 students and their families, faculty, and staff.
 - 4. Upholds ethical and professional standards.