

The University of South Alabama Conceptual Framework

The Vision of the College of Education is to become the Gulf Coast leader in preparing professional educators, through teaching, service, and research, to develop commitments to life-long learning and the improvement of communities.

The Teaching Component

- 1.1 Apply current educational research and integrate instructional technology.
- 1.2 Demonstrate best educational practices and professional disposition.
- 1.3 Create a positive, motivational learning environment for all students,
- 1.4 Recognize, appreciate, and include diverse learners and perspectives.
- 1.5 Be able to plan and adjust instruction in light of assessment data.
- 1.6 Engage in critical thinking processes.
- 1.7 At advanced levels, be able to create new approaches to instruction.

The Service Component

- 2.1 Provide community service.
- 2.2 Address current family, community, regional, and national issues.
- 2.3 Participate in professional communities of practice (professional organizations and more locally based communities of practice).
- 2.4 Participate in community organizations.
- 2.5 Serve as peer mentors.

The Research Component

- 3.1 Interpret educational research from a variety of sources.
- 3.2 Collaborate with diverse community members.
- 3.3 Keep abreast of current issues, literature and technological advances.
- 3.4 Be able to interpret educational data.
- 3.5 At advanced levels be able to design research and evaluate programs.