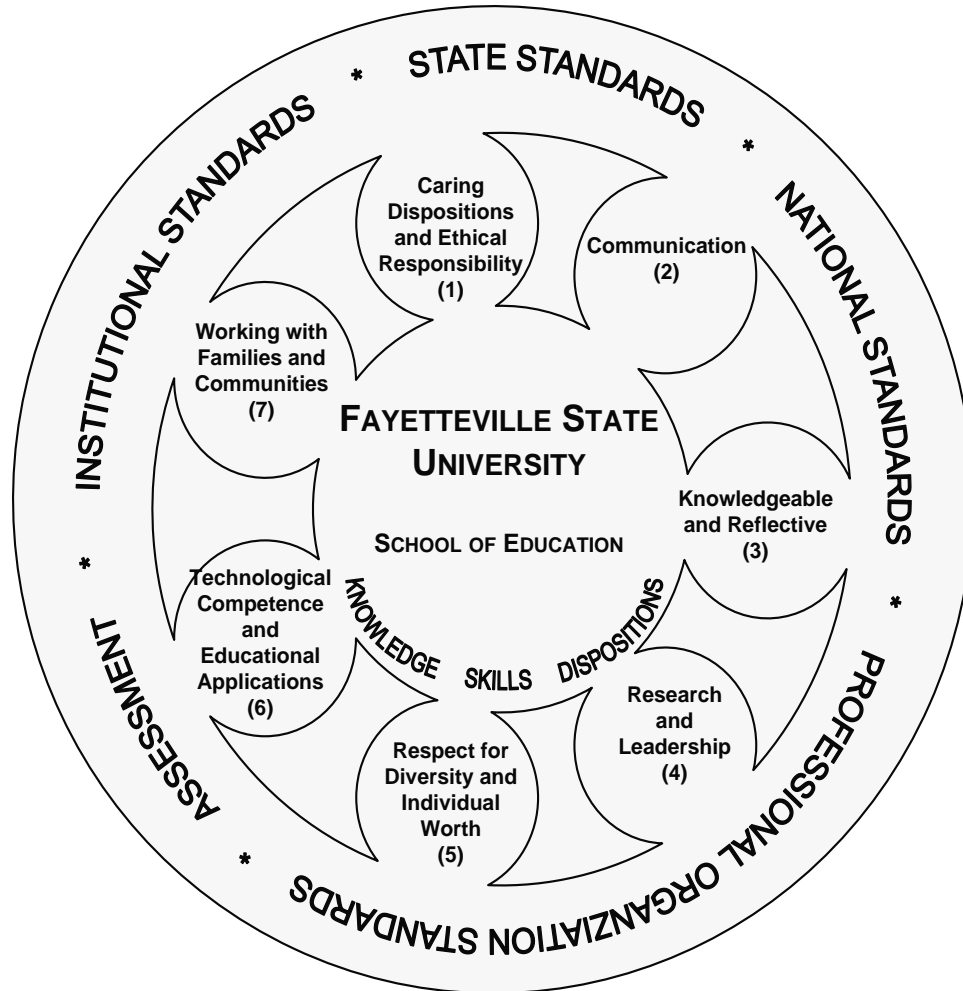


**Fayetteville State University  
School of Education  
Conceptual Framework**

**Model**



***“The School of Education prepares knowledgeable, reflective, and caring school executives and teachers who demonstrate leadership in their schools and classrooms, use research to inform practice, communicate effectively with all students and parents, and work diligently to prepare students to live and work in a diverse, global, and technologically advanced society.”***

Disclaimer: The Conceptual Framework Themes are aligned alphabetically and not by priority or importance.

## **Description**

The vision of the School of Education at Fayetteville State University is predicated upon the belief that we prepare knowledgeable, reflective, and caring professionals for teaching and leadership roles in a global society. Our candidates leave their programs of study knowledgeable about their subject matter, experienced in the teaching process, and prepared to use their knowledge, skills, and abilities to help students succeed academically, as well as to improve family support of education in a technological and global society. The knowledge base represents and is organized around the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the seven key tenets of the conceptual framework (caring dispositions and ethical responsibility; communication; knowledgeable and reflective professionals; research and leadership; respect for diversity and individual worth; technological competence and educational applications; and working with families and communities).

The conceptual framework, explicated by a philosophy that is grounded in knowledge, has been a guiding force for program development, review, and assessment for over a decade. The conceptual framework embodies the standards by which programs unit-wide are developed, evaluated, and revised. It represents our system of beliefs, our values, and practices that determine how we instruct and interact with candidates, P-12 educators, students, and families. The conceptual framework builds on the unit's vision and mission statements.

Through our philosophy, the conceptual framework provides direction for our curriculum and programs. It clearly identifies the knowledge base that under grids our curriculum and programs, what the unit will teach (based on state and national standards); explains how the unit will teach (based on our knowledge base and sound research practices); why it teaches as it does and why these strategies will yield the required results for your knowledgeable, reflective, and caring professionals. It reiterates its commitments to diversity, research, leadership, and technology and delineates the dispositions, attitudes, and values we believe that our candidates should demonstrate.

The unit's philosophy helps shape our conceptual framework themes and the knowledge base on which the candidates' proficiencies, assessments, and evaluations measures are based. The conceptual framework is linked to our beliefs, values, and philosophy about teaching and learning. All facets of the conceptual framework are interrelated, interdependent, and interactive. Our themes are caring dispositions and ethical responsibility; communication; knowledgeable and reflective professionals; research and leadership; respect for diversity and individual worth; technological competence and educational applications; and working with families and communities. The candidate proficiencies, which are an outgrowth of the conceptual framework themes, are accomplished through teaching, research, and service.

The conceptual framework themes help to strengthen the unit's and institution's mission and vision of a caring candidate who has in-depth knowledge of teaching, students, and their families and who will be prepared for a diverse, technological, and global society today and in the future. The conceptual framework underscores the importance of assuring that our candidates understand the contemporary family and use that knowledge to help students learn, achieve, and succeed in life. The program helps our education professionals to develop sensitivity to all types

of diversity and to practice responsive pedagogy. Candidates understand that technology is a tool to learn with and know how to utilize technology to enhance instruction, learning, research, and data management. The program produces teachers who become leaders in their schools, communities, and professional organizations. The unit graduates teachers and school executives who collect and analyze data and use research effectively to improve teaching and learning for all students. Caring teachers are committed to working with all learners, culturally diverse families, and in promoting the success of all students. In short, our conceptual framework was collaboratively developed, has been shared with all stakeholders, and is coherent, knowledge based, and consistently evaluated and updated.

<b>Conceptual Framework Themes</b>	<b>School of Education Expectations</b>
Caring Dispositions and Ethical Responsibility (1)	Candidates completing these programs are caring and ethically responsible teachers and school executives who are committed to working with all learners, diverse families, and promoting the success of all students.
Communication (2)	Candidates communicate effectively and proficiently with all students, parents, peers, and administrators.
Knowledgeable and Reflective (3)	Candidates should be knowledgeable about their subject matter and the teaching process, and they should use this knowledge to help students succeed academically, and to improve family support of education in a technological and global society.
Research and Leadership (4)	Candidates completing these programs combine theory and practice in preparation to assume the roles of teacher leaders and school executives. Candidates work to improve the profession and contribute to the establishment of positive working conditions. Candidates are taught to use research to inform practice and to participate in research to expand their knowledge bases.
Respect for Diversity and Individual Worth (5)	Candidates completing our programs develop sensitivity to all types of diversity and practice responsive pedagogy.
Technological Competence and Educational Applications (6)	Candidates understand that technology is a tool that supports learning and know how to utilize technology to enhance instruction, learning, research, and data management.
Working with Families and Communities (7)	Candidates understand the contemporary family and communities and use that knowledge to help students learn, achieve, and succeed in life.