

DEPT OF LANGUAGE, LITERACY & SOCIOCULTURAL EDUCATION

VALUES ♦ MISSION ♦ VISION

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE

We investigate and respond to students' unique needs, are willing to change, stay current on professional development, and create a dynamic, respectful learning community.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

We engage with local and global communities by initiating and sustaining reciprocal and responsive relationships and by being present in these partnerships on and off campus.

CRITICAL DIALOGUE

We engage in meaningful and rigorous discourse that leads to action, while attending to multiple perspectives and acknowledging realities of power and privilege. We strive to establish channels for authentic student, colleague, and community input.

ADVOCACY & ACTIVISM

We shape identities for social action, advocacy, and praxis to transform systems toward social justice and equity. We model, participate, take risks, and facilitate experiences for learning and engagement.

COLLABORATION

We establish shared goals. We build a culture of collaboration and model it. We work toward active listening and multiple channels of participation communication.

OUR MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to create a community of educators who link efforts in multicultural education to social justice actions that promote social reform in the wider community through shaping educational practice, policy, and research. We foster this by creating an academic community in which democratic leadership, open dialogue, authentic collegiality, and collaboration are valued. We prepare students to serve diverse populations in formal and informal educational settings. We facilitate the study of language and literacy in conjunction with the study of the cultural, social, political, and economic contexts in which educational events and practices are embedded. Our faculty works actively to effect change through outreach to diverse communities in New Jersey, the nation, and the world. *Our vision: We provide the leadership, resources, and expertise necessary for educators to empower themselves and their students. We do so by supporting our future leaders to develop language, literacy, social, and cultural resources in diverse communities.*