



Exhibit 1.5.c.2 Education and Educational Psychology Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Education and Educational Psychology Department is to prepare candidates for careers in teaching and counseling professions. We believe initiating and maintaining professional relationships with the broader educational community and are committed to the continuous support and development of cooperative projects and services with area schools and community agencies. We embrace the broader mission of Western Connecticut State University to empower students to "...attain the highest standards of academic achievement...personal development, and ethical conduct". Candidates in our teacher and counselor preparation programs must achieve the following objectives:

1. demonstrate academic competence in their selected fields,
2. complete a general program of studies (in Education) in addition to a recommended content area major other than Education,
3. know the historical, social, economic, political, comparative and philosophical foundations of education or school counseling,
4. understand the variety of patterns of human growth and development
5. value and infuse cultural diversity,
6. demonstrate a proficiency in and working knowledge of the Connecticut Common Core of Teaching (with the embedded Connecticut Competency Instrument), Connecticut Common Core of Learning, Curriculum Frameworks K-12, the Connecticut Code of Professional Responsibility, and effective practices in the profession,
7. demonstrate a spirit of inquiry, the use of critical thinking skills, and the habits of the reflective practitioner, and,
8. demonstrate the ability to incorporate appropriately the use of technology in instructional practice.