

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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The College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) prepares professionals and leaders at every level – from preschool to college – equipping graduates with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to make a positive impact from the moment they begin their career. Tracing our roots back to the creation of the university as a teaching institution, our college is recognized for its long history of preparing the best first-day ready educators in the State of Alabama. Additionally, graduates of our professional studies programs are highly esteemed for their outstanding performance and contributions in their career fields.

Vision: The College of Education and Professional Studies envisions itself as a hub of teaching and learning that couples its long-standing tradition of producing highly qualified professionals with a spirit of collaboration and innovation to attract, prepare and retain candidates prepared for today's stakeholders and workplaces. Through the lens of continuous program improvement, candidate engagement, shared governance, and strategic initiatives, we are laser focused on graduating individuals from programs of study that prepare them to make a positive impact, become effective leaders within a diverse community, and make significant contributions that improve their fields.

Strategic Initiatives:

- Candidate Impact and Success
- Faculty/Staff Development and Improved Morale
- Recruitment and Retention
- Continuous Program Improvement
- School and Community Partnerships
- Fiscal Responsibility

Departments:

- Career Technical Education and Professional Studies
- Teacher Education
- Professional Counseling and Leadership
- Office of Accreditation, Certification and Partnership Initiatives