

## The Citadel's Professional Education Unit Conceptual Framework Vision Statement

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### DEVELOPING PRINCIPLED EDUCATIONAL LEADERS FOR P-20 SCHOOLS

The Citadel's Professional Education Unit prepares **principled educational leaders** to be **knowledgeable, reflective, and ethical** professionals. Candidates completing our programs are committed to ensuring that all students succeed in a learner-centered environment.

#### **Rationale:**

- Society is in need of principled educational professionals committed to ensuring all students learn;
- All children and young adults require high quality educational experiences that enable them to compete and prosper in the global economy; and
- Such high quality educational experiences require a transformed educational system focused on fostering twenty –first century knowledge and skills in all children and young adults.

The Citadel's Professional Education Unit is committed to the simultaneous transformation of the preparation of educational leaders and of the places where they work. Specifically, The Citadel's Professional Education Unit seeks to develop **principled educational leaders** who:

- have mastered their subject matter and are skilled in using it to foster student learning;
- know the self who educates (Parker J. Palmer) and integrate this self knowledge with content knowledge, knowledge of students, and in the context of becoming professional change agents committed to using this knowledge and skill to ensure that all students succeed in a learner-centered environment; and
- exemplify the highest ethical standards by modeling respect for all human beings and valuing diversity as an essential component of an effective learner-centered environment.

The Citadel's Professional Educational Unit is on the march, transforming itself into a Center of Excellence for the preparation of **principled educational leaders**. Through our initial programs for teacher candidates for P-12 schools and our advanced programs for professional educators in P-20 schools, The Citadel's Professional Education Unit transforms cadets and graduate students into **principled educational leaders** capable of and committed to transforming our schools into learning communities where all children and youth succeed.

The Citadel's Professional Education Unit has identified 15 performance indicators for candidates to demonstrate that they are **principled educational leaders** who are **knowledgeable, reflective, and ethical** professionals:

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**Knowledgeable** Principled Educational Leaders...

1. Have mastered the subject matter of their field of professional study and practice;
2. Utilize the knowledge gained from developmental and learning theories to establish and implement an educational program that is varied, creative, and nurturing;
3. Model instructional and leadership theories of best practice;
4. Integrate appropriate technology to enhance learning;
5. Demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning;

**Reflective** Principled Educational Leaders...

6. Develop and describe their philosophy of education and reflect upon its impact in the teaching and learning environment;
7. Develop and manage meaningful educational experiences that address the needs of all learners with respect for their individual and cultural experiences;
8. Construct, foster, and maintain a learner-centered environment in which all learners contribute and are actively engaged;
9. Apply their understanding of both context and research to plan, structure, facilitate and monitor effective teaching and learning in the context of continual assessment;
10. Reexamine their practice by reflectively and critically asking questions and seeking answers;

**Ethical** Principled Educational Leaders...

11. Demonstrate commitment to a safe, supportive, learning environment;
12. Embrace and adhere to appropriate professional codes of ethics;
13. Value diversity and exhibit a caring, fair, and respectful attitude and respect toward all cultures;
14. establish rapport with students, families, colleagues, and communities;
15. Meet obligations on time, dress professionally, and use language appropriately.