The operation of the Professional Education Unit is founded on four thematic processes: 1. Commitment to Social Justice; 2. Collaboration & Strategic Partnerships; 3. Clinical Practice; and 4. Integration of Digital Media. The PEU employs these processes to prepare its teacher and leadership candidates to become Transformative School Leaders. The Unit seeks to develop candidates’ knowledge, skills, and dispositions in alignment with the Pillars of Effective Practice for the 21st Century Educator. These pillars are: **1. Professional Expertise** (Instructional Design and Lesson Planning, Learning Environment, Instructional Delivery and Facilitation, Assessment, Continuous Improvement, and Professional Responsibility and Ethical Conduct); **2. Critical Inquiry;** **3. Cultural Competence; and 4. Reflective Practice.** Program faculty draw upon a legacy of excellence and a commitment to research, scholarship, and service in order to provide the highest quality of instruction and learning experiences for teacher and leadership candidates.