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The mission of the Department of Elementary, Literacy, and Special Education is to prepare teachers at the graduate and undergraduate levels to successfully meet the challenges of educators who reflect on and model the principles of learning and to demonstrate the ability to meet the educational, social, and emotional needs of children and youth who come from highly diverse as research and craftsmanship, reflective and creative teaching practices, and service to the community and profession in order to identify and implement best practices to educate our children and youth, (4) Encourages outstanding candidates who complete graduate programs to pursue career pathways that will allow them to assume leadership roles in schools, agencies, and professional organizations, as well as pursue advanced studies such as graduate programs, 5)