The College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions provides a reflective, collaborative, and scholarly environment where we prepare professionals to teach, promote well-being, and become leaders in local, national, and global communities.

2008 Mission Statement

Based on its mission, the College agreed during the 2009/2010 academic year to pursue the following vision:

The College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions will become a national model for the integration of health and education sciences with community engagement.

After deepening and formalizing its anchor community partnerships in 2010 and 2011, among others, and starting its Institute for Translational Research in 2010, three overarching themes were formulated during 2012/2013 to move toward accomplishing the College’s vision – the three “r”s of reputation, relevance, and research:

**Theme 1—REPUTATION**: Offer synergetic research and academic programs that build our national reputation.

**Theme 2—RELEVANCE**: Demonstrate community relevance and impact by engaging external constituents.

**Theme 3—RESEARCH**: Bridge theory and practice by conducting translational research.

The current Strategic Plan – a roadmap to achieving these overarching goals – was devised by consensus of the faculty (May, 2013) and the administration (August, 2013); it was approved by a unanimous faculty vote (November, 2013). It is intended as a flexible working document that provides opportunity for periodic modification. The plan includes major goals for each of the three main themes, as presented below. Departments and college-wide standing committees will devise specific action steps during the 2013/2014 academic year.
Overarching Themes and Goals

Theme 1—REPUTATION: Offer synergetic research and academic programs that build our national reputation.

Goal 1.1: Develop a reputation of excellence in teaching.
Goal 1.2: Expand systematic methods for showcasing public products.
Goal 1.3: Facilitate student involvement to enhance community engagement and scholarly activities.

Theme 2—RELEVANCE: Demonstrate community relevance and impact by engaging external constituents.

Goal 2.1: Expand initiatives that enhance community relevance.
Goal 2.2: Facilitate student success by enhancing and developing programs that engage students in community initiatives.
Goal 2.3: Increase collaborative opportunities for external and internal partners to pursue common goals and objectives.

Theme 3—RESEARCH: Bridge theory and practice by conducting translational research.

Goal 3.1: Develop new and enhance existing community partnerships for translational research.
Goal 3.2: Support increased pursuit of research and/or implementation of best practices/evidence based practice.
Goal 3.3: Develop and enhance translational research funding opportunities.