

The Early Childhood and Family Studies program at St. Philip's College conceptual framework is a dynamic living instrument aligned with our mission, goals and NAEYC Standards. It is responsive to diversity, innovation, authentic learning, and hands-on experience. The overarching goal of our program is to create candidates well-prepared for a variety of job opportunities in the early care and education profession. We accomplish our goal with an emphasis on three underlying fundamental components focused around candidates, teaching and learning, and professionalism. The NAEYC standards are the backbone of our assessment process to determine whether we have achieved our goal.

## Well Prepared Early Childhood Teacher



The instructional unit's goal of having candidates well-prepared for a variety of job opportunities in the early care and education profession begins and ends with continuous exploration of the profession including the imperative beliefs, values, and attitudes necessary to be effective professionals in diverse, inclusive settings. We value candidates that demonstrate a responsiveness to children, families, colleagues, and community.