The Graduate School of Education Vision

In accordance with the mission of Cal Lutheran, the Graduate School of Education seeks to develop reflective, principled educators who STRIVE to:

Serve as mentors and models for moral and ethical leadership

*Philosophy:* We believe that we have the moral responsibility to lead, guide, and educate the young. Teaching is an honorable vocation that demands a high level of committed service.

Think critically to connect theory to practice

*Philosophy:* We believe that theory and practice are integrally related. Theory both informs and is informed by practice that is researched, examined, and tested in a critical, thoughtful manner.

Respect all individuals

*Philosophy:* We believe that all individuals have worth and should be treated with dignity and respect.

Include and respond to the needs of all learners

*Philosophy:* We believe that all individuals can learn. It is our responsibility to understand students and their needs and to organize meaningful learning opportunities in response to those needs.

Value Diversity

*Philosophy:* We believe that diversity enriches the learning environment. A rich variety of family and economic backgrounds, languages, cultures, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, disabilities, and learning styles are invited and honored.

Empower individuals to participate in educational growth and change

*Philosophy:* We believe in the need to create schools that are purposeful, moral, and successful learning communities.