

GSE Philosophy (GSE Guiding Principles)

- We create and sustain educational environments that serve all students and address diverse needs (**Diversity & Inclusiveness**)
- We encourage and model exemplary programs and practices across the life span (**Quality**).
- We build our programs on the human and cultural richness of the University's urban setting (**Urban Community**).
- We model professionalism and develop collaborative efforts that foster our mission (**Collaboration & Professionalism**).
- We challenge assumptions about our practice and accept the risks inherent in following our convictions (**Ethical Convictions**).
- We develop our programs to promote social justice, especially for groups that have been historically disenfranchised (**Democracy & Social Justice**).
- We strive to understand the relationships among culture, curriculum, and practice and the long-term implications for ecological sustainability (**Sustainability**).

We model thoughtful inquiry as a basis for sound decision-making (**Inquiry**).