## **Mission of the Department of Applied Professional Studies**

Our mission is to integrate excellence in instruction, relevant faculty scholarship, and proactive community service to prepare students from differing backgrounds to be successful, ethical, and globally aware professionals.

We accomplish this mission by:

- Providing students with high quality educational opportunities by engaging them with faculty, local business, regional community, and university organizations.
- Continuously improving the curriculum through ongoing outcomes assessments and innovative courses.
- Supporting scholarly, professional, and pedagogical research that sustains intellectual vitality and enriches student learning.
- Considering scholarly investigations and creative activities as an integral part of the instruction, providing opportunities to students for active learning through practicum, research, and internship.
- Providing the region, university, and broader professional community with the expertise that further strengthens the academic currency of the faculty, and that adds value to these communities.
- Through active involvement in general education and interaction with cross-discipline course work, our programs embody students with life skills that help them become productive citizens and professionals.