**Counselor Education Program Mission and Objectives**

**Our Mission**

The LSU Counselor Education program prepares students to meet the mental health needs of diverse clients in Louisiana, and nationally, through a focus on evidence-based practices, advocacy and social justice, and wellness across the lifespan.

# Objectives of Program

To prepare our students with experiential and didactic learning opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required of an effective professional counselor, upon completion of our program students will be prepared to:

1. Practice according to the codes of ethics, legal precedents, and professional standards of the counseling profession;
2. Provide counseling services in a diverse and multicultural society;
3. Work effectively with individuals, couples, families, and groups across the lifespan to improve their mental health and wellbeing;
4. Demonstrate excellent helping, communication, conflict resolution, consultation, and other intrapersonal and interpersonal skills;
5. Design and facilitate group interventions to serve clients in various settings;
6. Select, administer, and interpret assessment tools as appropriate and ethical to their counseling settings;
7. Utilize a variety of research methods, statistical procedures, needs assessments, and program evaluations designed to improve counselor effectiveness; and
8. Demonstrate a professional counselor identity appropriate to their chosen career path.