

Communicating the Conceptual Framework to the Professional Community

Preparing and Supporting Professional who Think Critically, Transform Practice, and Promote Justice

The School Education has worked collaboratively with the GFU Marketing and Communication Department to develop tools for faculty, staff, and GFU supervisors to use as they help the professional community understand our conceptual framework. These tools have also assisted faculty in their work with candidates. Listed below are the items that have been produced and a brief summary of how they have been used. Samples of these tools follow.

1. 18 Month Calendars: These beautiful calendars, that detail the three elements of our framework, we designed to be given to all of our cooperating teachers and other field supervisors at the beginning of the term. GFU supervisors used this tool to help folks in the field understand our conceptual framework
2. Talking Piece Cards: The talking cards have served as excellent tools for us to talk from as we explain what the three elements of the framework encompass. Faculty has used these with students, adjunct faculty and other faculty/administrators across campus. The Field Experience department have used them with GFU supervisors. We also shared with school partners.
3. Note cubes: Note cubes were designed to be given as tokens of appreciation to cooperating teachers at the beginning of student teaching experiences during the 07-08 school years. The elements represented on the cube have opened the door for student teachers and GFU supervisors to explain the conceptual framework to their cooperating teachers.
4. Bookmarks: The bookmarks allow faculty to remind students about the framework elements that are being woven into coursework.
5. Conceptual Framework Mugs: Our new SOE mugs were produced to say thank you to school partners for the extra efforts they make as they collaborate with us. Also, the elements offer us yet another opportunity to remind these partners about the critical elements that weave through all we do.
6. Redesigned Website: Our newly redesigned website bears the styling of colors and the themes present in our conceptual framework. A link on the site provides visitors with details regarding the mission and the conceptual framework of the unit.