

1.0 ACADEMIC MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY ELEMENT

Since its founding, the University of North Florida (UNF) has demonstrated a continuing commitment to its mission of excellence in teaching, research and public service. The University's faculty is committed to providing high-quality instruction, with particular emphasis on undergraduate and selected graduate programs. The faculty demonstrates a determination to remain at the cutting edge of intellectual inquiry and practice in their respective disciplines. Through its centers and institutes, numerous continuing education programs and staff volunteer activities, the University is a major contributor to the life of the community, the First Coast region and the State of Florida.

The mission is as follows;

“The University of North Florida is a comprehensive public urban university whose mission is to educate students through a broad array of undergraduate and select graduate programs. The University of North Florida is dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service; and the engagement of students in a personal, supportive, and challenging learning environment. In fulfilling its mission, the University seeks to contribute to the betterment of society”.

UNF has three (3) additional statements which help to define its mission. These include a Statement of Vision, Values and Purpose as follows:

Statement of Vision. The University of North Florida is dedicated to being a distinguished and caring comprehensive University that emphasizes excellent teaching and scholarships which enable students to achieve their highest potential and which contribute significantly to the intellectual, cultural and economic growth and development of the communities it serves.

Statement of Values. In fulfillment of its mission, the University of North Florida values excellent and innovative programs and practices which reflect a commitment to integrity, openness, professionalism and teamwork within a caring, supportive, and culturally diverse environment.

Statement of Purpose. The University of North Florida is one of eleven publicly-assisted institutions of the State University System of Florida. Located in Jacksonville, this comprehensive University primarily serves Florida residents especially those of the State's northeastern region. It also serves an increasing number of students from across and beyond the nation. The academic programs at the University are coordinated through five colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Computing Sciences and Engineering, Education and Human Services and Health. In addition, instruction also takes place through continuing education and distance learning activities. These academic enterprises are supported by strong units providing library resources, student services, physical facilities, health and safety and institutional advancement.

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Goal 1: The University of North Florida is a comprehensive public urban university whose mission is to educate students through a broad array of undergraduate and select graduate programs. The University of North Florida is dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service; and the engagement of students in a personal, supportive, and challenging learning environment. In fulfilling its mission, the University seeks to contribute to the betterment of society.

Objective 1.1 Annual budgets, current program reviews, and proposals for new programs will reflect the stated mission of the University of North Florida.

Policy 1.1.1 UNF will establish annual priorities designed to further its stated mission.

Policy 1.1.2 Requests for new funding allocations must be tied to University priorities.

Policy 1.1.3 Proposals for new academic degree programs must demonstrate a link between the proposed program and the University of North Florida's stated mission.

Policy 1.1.4 UNF's mission will be reviewed by a committee composed of faculty, students, and staff every 10 years. The University's current mission statement was adopted during the 2000/2001 academic year.

Objective 1.2 The mission statement for each of the University of North Florida's five colleges will be congruent with the University's stated mission.

Policy 1.2.1 Each college will use its own mission as well as that of the University in setting its long and short-range goals. The mission and goals of each college will be used, along with the University's mission and priorities, in proposing new academic programs, in requesting new resources and facilities, and in making annual budget requests.