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Department of English, English Education Program

Statement of Mission, Intent, and Goals

MISSION

The English Education Program is designed to strengthen border community literacies in the greater Paso del Norte Region and to provide its students and educators high-quality teaching, learning, and research experiences at The University of Texas at El Paso.

INTENT

To position the English Education Program so that it will continually attract students from the El Paso area and beyond.

GOALS

Our program's primary goal is to increase educator preparation and to enhance the role of teachers as writers, researchers, and reflective professionals.

Goal 1: Increase Teacher Preparation

The program's teacher preparation will demonstrate significant growth in disciplinary knowledge, theories of literacy, and pedagogy application in English language arts.

Additional goals are established in support of increasing educator preparation and disciplinary leadership as follows:

Goal 2: Provide Advanced Professional Learning

The program shall provide professional learning for preservice and inservice educators seeking advanced learning and inquiry in the following: (1) academic and digital writing, (2) children's and adolescent literatures, (3) literatures (American, British, and world), and (4) new literacies and research.

Goal 3: Create Inclusive Cultures in the Borderlands

The program values and draws upon the strengths and richness of the cultures, identities, and texts of the U.S.–México borderlands in of its work to prepare educators and support the participation of our students and teachers as citizens in a society that seeks to enfranchise everyone through the avenue of literacy.