Teacher preparation was the original mission of Southwest Texas Normal School when it was chartered in 1899, and today faculty members in the College of Education continue to focus their efforts on this primary mission. Over the last century, the mission of the College has expanded from preparing teachers at the undergraduate level to include the preparation of educators at the master's and doctoral levels as well as the preparation of professionals in other fields including recreation administration, health and wellness promotion, athletic training, health and fitness management, educational leadership, school psychology, professional counseling, student affairs in higher education, adult education and adult and developmental education.