Grant/Contract # | H325T110011
Program Name | Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities
Competition | Special Education Preservice Program Improvement Grants
Title | Restructuring Education Around Clinical Practice in High-Need Schools: Project REACH
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Purpose: This project will restructure the existing personnel preparation program in mild/moderate disabilities at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), providing a clinically based model of teacher preparation. Candidates completing the program will receive a Preliminary and Clear Education Specialist credential in mild/moderate disabilities. Those who choose a dual-certification will also receive a credential in either elementary or secondary education.

Method: Activities of this project include: (a) redesigning the program with courses that are grounded in clinical practice and interwoven with evidence-based interventions; (b) building expertise in the use of assistive and instructional technology, including application of Universal Design for Learning; (c) preparing highly qualified teachers who are knowledgeable in core academic subjects, and able to provide effective services and instruction to students with high-incidence disabilities; (d) structuring high quality supervised practica in high-need schools, with a focus on improving student outcomes through data-driven and collaborative practices; (e) providing ongoing academic support and mentorship to enhance candidates’ successful completion of the program and retention in the field; and (f) once the grant project is complete, graduating approximately 100 students per year from the program.

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