Grant/Contract #: H325T080021
Program Name: Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities
Competition: Special Education Preservice Training Improvement Grants
Title: Seeking Highly Qualified Special Educators (SEEC)
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End Date: 9/30/2013

Key Personnel
Hull, Karla 25%
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Note:
The aim of this project is to support the ability of two departments (Special Education and Early Childhood Education) to improve and restructure the existing B.S. Ed./M.A.T. dual certification program that prepares candidates to meet the needs of students with disabilities in the general education curriculum.

Method: The restructuring will: (a) improve the design and supervision of field experiences; (b) develop an induction and mentoring component for the program; (c) increase the role of parents and professionals in the schools in the redesign and implementation of the restructured program; (c) focus on inclusion of high need schools as partners in the training program; (d) create a more cohesive, integrated curriculum; (e) improve the collaboration across faculty in the two departments; and (f) ensure that graduates of the program have competence in academic content areas as well as special education expertise, making them highly qualified effective teachers.

Products: