

Grant/Contract #	H325T080015
Program Name	Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities
Competition Title	Special Education Preservice Training Improvement Grants
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	Richmond City VA 23284-2020	TTY		End Date	9/30/2013
				Extension Date	

Key Personnel	Time on Proj		Key Personnel	Time on Proj		Fiscal Info		
	AY	S		AY	S	Year	Requested	Actual
Thoma, Colleen	7%	7%	Scott, La Ron	100%	7%	2008	\$109,810	\$109,810
						2009	\$93,938	\$93,938
						2010	\$96,384	\$96,384
						2011	\$98,925	\$98,925
						2012	\$100,000	\$100,000

*Note:*

*Purpose:* This project will improve and expand VCU's program of study leading to licensure in special education/academic curriculum. This improved program will prepare special educators who are qualified to teach academic content (i.e., the general education curriculum) to students with high-incidence disabilities. This program is a graduate (post-baccalaureate) program, offered through a combination of face-to-face and/or online educational delivery methods.

*Method:* The project will: (a) increase the academic/content knowledge of its teacher candidates; (b) enhance the knowledge and skills that candidates have to address the needs of students who come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; (c) expand the focus on understanding research-based practices through foundation work and an opportunity to engage in classroom-based action research; (d) build on program components that strengthen scholars' ability to critically reflect on their knowledge and skills and initiate their own goals for improvement; and (e) provide ongoing supports to assure progress and feedback throughout the program.

*Products:*