

Grant/Contract #	H325T090012
Program Name	Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities
Competition Title	Special Education Preservice Program Improvement Grants USC Upstate Learning Disability Program: Preparing Highly Qualified Learning Disability Teachers to Close Student Achievement Gaps
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	Spartanburg SC 29303	TTY		End Date	6/30/2014
				Extension Date	

Key Personnel	Time on Proj		Key Personnel	Time on Proj		Fiscal Info		
	AY	S		AY	S	Year	Requested	Actual
Pae, Holly	25%					2009	\$103,536	\$103,536
						2010	\$99,756	\$99,756
						2011	\$98,921	\$98,921
						2012	\$98,824	\$98,824
						2013	\$98,824	\$98,824

*Note:*

*Purpose:* This project will improve the University of South Carolina Upstate School of Education's Bachelor of Science degree in Learning Disabilities (LD), the special education certification category representing the greatest teacher shortage in the tri-state region (Georgia and North and South Carolina).

*Method:* Work for this project includes: a) restructuring the LD program to include training in the content areas defined under Highly Qualified certification requirements (reading, mathematics, social studies, and science) as well as culturally responsive practices; b) providing a mentorship program for LD candidates and LD induction teachers (first three years teaching) to bridge pre- and initial teaching experiences; and c) creating and implementing an improved Teacher Work Samples (TWS) Response to Intervention (RTI) field-based assessment system in multiple settings.

*Products:*