

University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Traditional Program

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Institution Information

Name of Institution: University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Institution/Program Type: Traditional

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Is your institution a member of an HEA Title II Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education?
(<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/tqp/index.html>)

No

If yes, provide the following:

Award year:

Grantee name:

Project name:

Grant number:

List partner districts/LEAs:

List other partners:

Project Type:

Section I.a Program Information

List each teacher preparation program included in your traditional route. Indicate if your program or programs participate in a Teacher Quality Partnership Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education as described at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/tqp/index.html>.

Teacher Preparation Programs	Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Member?
Agricultural Education	No
Biology	No
Business, Marketing & Information Technology	No
Chemistry	No
Coaching	No
Cooperative Education-Diversified Occupations	No
Early Childhood Education	No
Early Childhood Education Inclusive	No
Earth & Space Science	No
Elementary Education	No
English Language Arts	No
Family and Consumer Sciences	No
Industrial Technology Education	No
Information Technology	No
Journalism & Media Education	No
Mathematics	No
Music	No
Physics	No
Science	No
Secondary English	No
Skilled & Technical Science Education	No

Social Science	No
Special Education	No
Speech	No
Theatre	No
World Language (French, German, Latin, Russian, Spanish)	No
Total number of teacher preparation programs: 26	

Section I.b Admissions

Indicate when students are formally admitted into your initial teacher certification program:

Sophomore year for elementary; Junior year for secondary programs

Does your initial teacher certification program conditionally admit students?

No

Provide a link to your website where additional information about admissions requirements can be found:

<http://cehs.unl.edu>

Please provide any additional comments about or exceptions to the admissions information provided above:

Interviews in selected programs.

Section I.b Undergraduate Requirements

Please provide the following information about your teacher preparation program's entry and exit requirements. (§205(a)(1)(C)(i))

Are there initial teacher certification programs at the undergraduate level?

Yes

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the Undergraduate level.

Element	Required for Entry	Required for Exit
Transcript	Yes	No
Fingerprint check	No	No
Background check	Yes	Yes
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	Yes	Yes

Minimum ACT score	No	No
Minimum SAT score	No	No
Minimum basic skills test score	Yes	Yes
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	No	No
Recommendation(s)	Yes	Yes
Essay or personal statement	Yes	No
Interview	Yes	No
Other	Data not reported	Data not reported

What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?

2.5

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2014-15

3.49

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

2.5

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2014-15

3.6

Please provide any additional comments about the information provided above:

Section I.b Postgraduate Requirements

Please provide the following information about your teacher preparation program's entry and exit requirements. (§205(a)(1)(C)(i))

Are there initial teacher certification programs at the postgraduate level?

Yes

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the Postgraduate level.

Element	Required for Entry	Required for Exit
Transcript	Yes	No
Fingerprint check	No	No
Background check	Yes	Yes
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	Yes	Yes

Minimum GPA	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	Yes	Yes
Minimum ACT score	No	No
Minimum SAT score	No	No
Minimum basic skills test score	Yes	No
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	No	No
Recommendation(s)	Yes	No
Essay or personal statement	Yes	No
Interview	Yes	No
Other	Data not reported	Data not reported

What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?

2.5

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2014-15

3.72

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

2.5

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2014-15

3.9

Please provide any additional comments about the information provided above:

Section I.c Enrollment

Provide the number of students in the teacher preparation program in the following categories. Note that you must report on the number of students by ethnicity and race separately. Individuals who are non-Hispanic/Latino will be reported in one of the race categories. Also note that individuals can belong to one or more racial groups, so the sum of the members of each racial category may not necessarily add up to the total number of students enrolled.

For the purpose of Title II reporting, an enrolled student is defined as a student who has been admitted to a teacher preparation program, but who has not completed the program during the academic year being reported. An individual who completed the program during the academic year being reported is counted as a program completer and *not* an enrolled student.

[Additional guidance on reporting race and ethnicity data.](#)

Total number of students enrolled in 2014-15:	640
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Unduplicated number of males enrolled in 2014-15:	144
Unduplicated number of females enrolled in 2014-15:	496

2014-15	Number enrolled
<i>Ethnicity</i>	
Hispanic/Latino of any race:	21
<i>Race</i>	
American Indian or Alaska Native:	10
Asian:	11
Black or African American:	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:	1
White:	597
Two or more races:	16

Section I.d Supervised Clinical Experience

Provide the following information about supervised clinical experience in 2014-15.

Average number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to student teaching	140
Average number of clock hours required for student teaching	640
Average number of clock hours required for mentoring/induction support	0
Number of full-time equivalent faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year	0.77
Number of adjunct faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year (IHE and PreK-12 staff)	15.11
Number of students in supervised clinical experience during this academic year	286

Please provide any additional information about or descriptions of the supervised clinical experiences:

Our total numbers of students & FTE now reflect numbers for student teachers only. This is consistent with new definitions for clinical practica found in Nebraska Rule 20 and with data that other teacher education institutions are providing in Nebraska.

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Subject Area

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by subject area for academic year 2014-15. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Subject area" refers to the subject area(s) an individual has been prepared to teach. An individual can be counted in more than one subject area. If no individuals were prepared in a particular subject area, please leave that cell blank. (§205(b)(1)(H))

Subject Area	Number Prepared
Education - General	

Teacher Education - Special Education	68
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	29
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	142
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	
Teacher Education - Multiple Levels	
Teacher Education - Agriculture	6
Teacher Education - Art	4
Teacher Education - Business	9
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	25
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	8
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	1
Teacher Education - Mathematics	15
Teacher Education - Music	22
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science Teacher Education/General Science	15
Teacher Education - Social Science	27
Teacher Education - Social Studies	
Teacher Education - Technical Education	2
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	8
Teacher Education - Chemistry	6
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	1
Teacher Education - History	
Teacher Education - Physics	3
Teacher Education - Spanish	5
Teacher Education - Speech	1

Teacher Education - Geography	
Teacher Education - Latin	
Teacher Education - Psychology	
Teacher Education - Earth Science	2
Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	1
Teacher Education - Bilingual, Multilingual, and Multicultural Education	
Education - Other Specify: Coop Ed & Diversified Occupations; Journalism & Media	13

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Academic Major

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by academic major for academic year 2014-15. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Academic major" refers to the actual major(s) declared by the program completer. An individual can be counted in more than one academic major. If no individuals were prepared in a particular academic major, please leave that cell blank. (§205(b)(1)(H))

Academic Major	Number Prepared
Education - General	
Teacher Education - Special Education	63
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	25
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	129
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	120
Teacher Education - Agriculture	6
Teacher Education - Art	4
Teacher Education - Business	8
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	22
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	5
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	8
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	12
Teacher Education - Music	22
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science	13

Teacher Education - Social Science	27
Teacher Education - Social Studies	
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	
Teacher Education - Chemistry	
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	
Teacher Education - Physics	1
Teacher Education - Spanish	5
Teacher Education - Speech	
Teacher Education - Geography	
Teacher Education - Latin	
Teacher Education - Psychology	
Teacher Education - Earth Science	
Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	
Teacher Education - Bilingual, Multilingual, and Multicultural Education	
Education - Curriculum and Instruction	
Education - Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education	
Liberal Arts/Humanities	
Psychology	4
Social Sciences	
Anthropology	
Economics	
Geography and Cartography	
Political Science and Government	2
Sociology	
Visual and Performing Arts	
History	1
Foreign Languages	3

Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	2
English Language/Literature	4
Philosophy and Religious Studies	
Agriculture	
Communication or Journalism	
Engineering	2
Biology	6
Mathematics and Statistics	2
Physical Sciences	
Astronomy and Astrophysics	
Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology	
Chemistry	1
Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences	
Physics	2
Business/Business Administration/Accounting	1
Computer and Information Sciences	
Other Specify:	

Section I.f Program Completers

Provide the total number of teacher preparation program completers in each of the following academic years:

2014-15: 324

2013-14: 352

2012-13: 401

Section II Annual Goals - Mathematics

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. **(§205(a)(1)(A)(ii), §206(a))**

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in mathematics in each of three

academic years.

Academic year 2014-15

Did your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2014-15?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2014-15?

35

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in mathematics in 2014-15?

No

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Initiated conversations with the Department of Mathematics to have all teacher candidates receive a dual major – one in mathematics and one in mathematics education. Mathematics majors would also be informed of this dual major.

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2015-16

Is your program preparing teachers in mathematics in 2015-16?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2015-16?

10

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2016-17

Will your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2016-17?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in mathematics in 2016-17?

10

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II Annual Goals - Science

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing

professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. (§205(a)(1)(A)(ii), §206(a))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in science in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2014-15

Did your program prepare teachers in science in 2014-15?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2014-15?

32

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in science in 2014-15?

No

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Received a new National Science Foundation Noyce grant to recruit prospective science teachers, providing scholarships to defray tuition, provide a stipend, etc.

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2015-16

Is your program preparing teachers in science in 2015-16?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2015-16?

10

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2016-17

Will your program prepare teachers in science in 2016-17?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in science in 2016-17?

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II Annual Goals - Special Education

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. (**§205(a)(1)(A)(ii), §206(a)**)

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in special education in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2014-15

Did your program prepare teachers in special education in 2014-15?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2014-15?

10

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in special education in 2014-15?

No

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

We continue to refine information on our website and other media to better reflect special education training options. At the undergraduate level, we are working with our partners in the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education to refine the dual major in EIED-SPED K-6, which is a popular major for pre-service teachers. We are working with the college advising center to better market the secondary special education major and refining that major to enhance content knowledge in the academic areas (reading, mathematics, science). At the graduate level, we are working with graduate studies to better market our programs in special education. We have developed specialty graduate certificates for individuals who already have a master's degree or other advanced degree to complete special education endorsements.

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

We continue to focus our efforts on increasing total enrollment in our special education offerings at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Academic year 2015-16

Is your program preparing teachers in special education in 2015-16?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2015-16?

10

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Based on Fall enrollment data, undergraduate enrollment in SPED K-6 and SPED 7-12 grew by 3 students. Graduate enrollment grew by 19.

Academic year 2016-17

Will your program prepare teachers in special education in 2016-17?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in special education in 2016-17?

10

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II Annual Goals - Instruction of Limited English Proficient Students

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. (§205(a)(1)(A)(ii), §206(a))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2014-15

Did your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2014-15?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2014-15?

10

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2014-15?

No

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2015-16

Is your program preparing teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2015-16?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2015-16?

8

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2016-17

Will your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2016-17?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2016-17?

8

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

All elementary education undergraduates take an ELL course and ELL practicum. We plan to require secondary education majors to also have a course by 2017-2018. In addition, we approved and have begun to accept students into a program leading to a graduate certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

Section II Assurances

Please certify that your institution is in compliance with the following assurances. (§205(a)(1)(A)(iii), §206(b)) Note: Be prepared to provide documentation and evidence for your responses, when requested, to support the following assurances.

Preparation responds to the identified needs of the local educational agencies or States where the program completers are likely to teach, based on past hiring and recruitment trends.

Yes

Preparation is closely linked with the needs of schools and the instructional decisions new teachers face in the classroom.

Yes

Prospective special education teachers are prepared in core academic subjects and to instruct in core academic subjects.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students with disabilities.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to limited English proficient students.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students from low-income families.

Yes

Prospective teachers are prepared to effectively teach in urban and rural schools, as applicable.

Yes

Describe your institution's most successful strategies in meeting the assurances listed above:

Required courses; dialogue with school district plus meeting state guidelines and standards

Section III Assessment Pass Rates

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS5732 -CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR ED: MATH Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	121	174	115	95
ETS5732 -CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR ED: MATH Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2014-15	4			
ETS5712 -CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR ED: READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	119	183	118	99
ETS5712 -CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR ED: READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2014-15	4			
ETS5722 -CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR ED: WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	122	175	115	94
ETS5722 -CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR ED: WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2014-15	4			
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	508	181	507	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2014-15	312	181	312	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS (DISCONTINUED)	381	182	381	100

Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14				
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	366	182	366	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	509	179	507	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2014-15	312	180	312	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	381	180	381	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	367	180	367	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	506	177	503	99
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2014-15	312	177	312	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	385	177	385	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING (DISCONTINUED) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	367	177	367	100

Section III Summary Pass Rates

Group	Number taking tests	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
All program completers, 2014-15	316	316	100
All program completers, 2013-14	385	385	100
All program completers, 2012-13	367	367	100

Section IV Low-Performing

Provide the following information about the approval or accreditation of your teacher preparation program.

Is your teacher preparation program currently approved or accredited?

Yes

If yes, please specify the organization(s) that approved or accredited your program:

State

TEAC

TEAC is now CAEP

Is your teacher preparation program currently under a designation as "low-performing" by the state (as per section 207(a) of the HEA of 2008)?

No

Section V Use of Technology

Provide the following information about the use of technology in your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request.

Does your program prepare teachers to:

- **integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction**
Yes
- **use technology effectively to collect data to improve teaching and learning**
Yes
- **use technology effectively to manage data to improve teaching and learning**
Yes
- **use technology effectively to analyze data to improve teaching and learning**
Yes

Provide a description of the evidence that your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction, and to use technology effectively to collect, manage, and analyze data in order to improve teaching and learning for the purpose of increasing student academic achievement. Include a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to use the principles of universal design for learning, as applicable. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the four elements listed above are not currently in place.

The State of Nebraska requires that all teacher education candidates meet the following standards in the area of instructional technology. We address these four, State of Nebraska teacher education standards in our technology curriculum. These are:

1. Teachers demonstrate a sound understanding of technology operations and concepts.
2. Teachers plan and design effective learning environments and experiences supported by technology.
3. Teachers implement curriculum plans that include methods and strategies for applying technology to maximize student learning.
4. Teachers apply technology to facilitate a variety of effective assessment and evaluation strategies.

Students in undergraduate programs complete TEAC 259, Technology in the Classroom. Graduate students enroll in TEAC 880A, Survey of Instructional Technology. Both courses address the standards listed above.

Section VI Teacher Training

Provide the following information about your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request.

Does your program prepare general education teachers to:

- **teach students with disabilities effectively**
Yes
- **participate as a member of individualized education program teams**
Yes
- **teach students who are limited English proficient effectively**
Yes

Provide a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares general education teachers to teach students with disabilities effectively, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, and to effectively teach students who are limited English proficient. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the three elements listed above are not currently in place.

The State of Nebraska requires that all teacher education candidates must meet a set of standards related to teaching special populations. We address five State of Nebraska teacher education standards in our programs. These are:

1. Knowledge of the exceptional education needs of the disabilities defined by section 79-1118.01R.R.S.
2. Knowledge of the major characteristics of each disability in order to recognize its existence in children.
3. Knowledge of various alternative for providing the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities.
4. Knowledge of methods of teaching children with disabilities in the regular classroom.
5. Knowledge of pre-referral alternatives, referral systems, multidisciplinary team responsibilities, the individualized education plan process and the placement process.

All students are required to pass SPED 401A/801A, Accommodating Exceptional Learners in the Classroom (Elementary) or SPED 401B/801B, Accommodating Exceptional Learners in the Secondary Classroom. In addition, to enhance candidates' ability to address ELL, a curriculum revision has been proposed to include a full course in preparation to teach students who are limited in English language skills.

Does your program prepare special education teachers to:

- **teach students with disabilities effectively**
Yes
- **participate as a member of individualized education program teams**
Yes
- **teach students who are limited English proficient effectively**

Yes

Provide a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares special education teachers to teach students with disabilities effectively, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, and to effectively teach students who are limited English proficient. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the three elements listed above are not currently in place.

The Special Education Program at the University of Nebraska Lincoln has Specialized Program Approval through 2017 from the Nebraska Department of Education. This indicates the programs meet national professional organization standards as well as state standards.

Teacher education programs at UNL are accredited by TEAC and address the 10 INTASC standards. In addition, the special education program addresses the professional standards from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). As the recognized leader for special education professional standards, CEC standards, ethics and practices and guidelines assure that individuals with exceptionalities have well-prepared, career-oriented special education teachers. The program has mapped the INTASC standards to CEC standards and uses specific assessments in particular coursework to monitor student progress in achieving competencies in the following areas: 1) Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences; 2) Learning Environments; 3) Curricular Content Knowledge; 4) Assessment; 5) Instructional Planning and Strategies; 6) Professional Learning and Ethical Practices; 7) Collaboration. Competencies may be evaluated in coursework, practicum, and student teaching in the particular area of certification (special education K-6, special education 7-12).

Students receive training and experience on Individualized Education Programs (IEP) and the process to implement IEPs through coursework, observation, participation and reflection. Training to work with students with limited English proficiency is addressed in general education coursework (multicultural and ELL courses), special education practicum and student teaching. The special education program recently hired a new faculty member with expertise in literacy and English language learners who will enhance course content in this area for special education.

Data (ratings on specific assignments, practicum activities, student teaching, first year teacher, and administrator surveys) collected during teacher preparation are aggregated and reviewed at least annually to help us determine areas where our students are generally strong or weak and then modify curriculum appropriately. Individual ratings help track development of knowledge, skills and abilities important to special education teachers. Students not meeting proficiency in one or more areas may undergo remediation, repeat coursework, be advised into another major, or graduate without teacher certification.

Section VII Contextual Information

Please use this space to provide any additional information that describes your teacher preparation program(s). You may also attach information to this report card. The U.S. Department of Education is especially interested in any evaluation plans or interim or final reports that may be available.

Supporting Files

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