Q & A
SUCCEED Florida -- Teacher Certification

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Q. Are teachers who failed the Florida Teacher's Certification examination and were let go by the district where they were employed eligible?

A. Non-education baccalaureate degree holders are eligible.

Q. Is this program targeted for individuals coming from other areas such as computer science, engineering or management?

A. Non-education baccalaureate degree holders interested in teaching are eligible.

Q. Must participants possess a bachelor or master's degree of state kind?

A. Admission requirements vary depending on the type of institution and program.

Q. Can work experience count as part of the admittance requirements?

A. Eligible providers are accredited or approved public and private postsecondary institutions. Admittance requirements are specific to the institution and not part of the application requirements.

Q. Must assurances be signed by all partners in a project?

A. Only the fiscal agent is required to submit signed assurances or have them on file at DOE.

Q. Must all expenditures be made by the end of the project period?

A. All expenditures must be encumbered by June 30 and liquidated by December 31.

Q. Must all eight Strategic Imperatives be addressed?

A. Only the Imperatives relative to your project must be addressed. However, the Reading Initiative must be addressed by all applicants.

Q. Are scholarships allowable?

A. Tuition may be paid, as well as related expenses. Payment must be made to the institution and not directly to the student.

Q. Can an institution apply for both Teaching and Nursing SUCCEED opportunities?

A. Yes.

Q. Are letters of support allowable?

A. Letters of Support are permitted, but not requested or required. They will not be evaluated or counted during the review process.

Q. If students have not declared a major, how should they be reported?

A. If students have not declared a major, they should not be included in the subject area reports. If data is not collected by subject area, provide the data that does exist and explain the deviation.

Q. Three year report of data for past enrollments is requested. What years are you asking for? Does it include the current academic year we are in?

A. Report enrollment figure by subject area for the past three years beginning with the 2004-05 academic year. Include summer semesters. If 2004-05 data is not yet available, report data for the three most recent years for which data exists and explain the deviation. If no data exists (e.g. start-up programs), explain why.

Q. Budget Period: When will award be made? Could budget timeline be extended?

A. Awards will be made after July 8, depending on the review and approval process. Funds must be encumbered by June 30 and be liquidated by December 31.

Q. Is it expected that new students in the program be enrolled in 05-06?

A. There is no requirement for new students to be enrolled in the 2005-06 academic year. However, due to the critical need for teachers, there is an expectation to enroll new students as soon as possible. Additionally, review criteria 2.C. is the "Proposed number and percent increase in student enrollment during each semester to the project period." Thus, applicants with no plans to enroll students during the project period risk losing points during the review process.

Q. Define new enrollment?

A. New enrollments are students who enter teacher preparation programs as a result of the capacity-expansion activities initiated during the project period. The language authorizing these funds require that, "Funds must be used to support new students and not to supplant current funding or provide support to existing students. Institutions applying for funds shall not reduce funding, or the current level of enrollment, in its existing program."