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Institution Information

Name of Institution: Peru State College
Institution/Program Type: Traditional
Academic Year: 2013-14
State: Nebraska

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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?
Art Education	No
Biology Education	No
Business, Marketing, & Information Technology Education	No
Chemistry Education	No
Early Childhood Education	No
Early Childhood Unified Education	No
Elementary Education	No
English Education	No
Health & Physical Education	No
History Education	No
Language Arts Education	No

Middle Grades Education	No
Music Education	No
Science Education	No
Social Science Education	No
Special Education	No
Total number of teacher preparation programs: 17	

Section I.b Admissions

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

Sophomore year

Does your initial teacher certification program conditionally admit students?

Yes

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

<http://www.peru.edu/education/admission.htm>

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

All teacher education candidates have the option of applying for one semester of provisional admission to continue to move forward in their programs. This is predominantly offered to assist transfer students who are completing pre-admission coursework so that they can successfully register for their second semester of coursework at PSC. In order to be eligible, they must be working toward admission requirements and have successfully pass the Praxis I exam.

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	No	No
Fingerprint check	No	No
Background check	Yes	No
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	No	Yes
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	No	No
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	Yes
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 2013-14

3.56

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 2013-14

3.66

Please provide any additional comments about the information provided above:

Section I.b Postgraduate Requirements

Are there initial teacher certification programs at the postgraduate level?

No

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	Data not reported	Data not reported
Fingerprint check	Data not reported	Data not reported
Background check	Data not reported	Data not reported
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	Data not reported	Data not reported
Minimum GPA	Data not reported	Data not reported
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	Data not reported	Data not reported
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	Data not reported	Data not reported
Minimum ACT score	Data not reported	Data not reported
Minimum SAT score	Data not reported	Data not reported
Minimum basic skills test score	Data not reported	Data not reported
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	Data not reported	Data not reported
Recommendation(s)	Data not reported	Data not reported
Essay or personal statement	Data not reported	Data not reported
Interview	Data not reported	Data not reported
Other	Data not reported	Data not reported

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

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2013-14

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2013-14

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 2013-14:	166
Unduplicated number of males enrolled in 2013-14:	49
Unduplicated number of females enrolled in 2013-14:	117

2013-14	Number enrolled
<i>Ethnicity</i>	
Hispanic/Latino of any race:	3
<i>Race</i>	
American Indian or Alaska Native:	1
Asian:	1
Black or African American:	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:	0
White:	155
Two or more races:	0

Section I.d Supervised Clinical Experience

Provide the following information about supervised clinical experience in 2013-14.

Average number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to student teaching	115
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Average number of clock hours required for mentoring/induction support	0
Number of full-time equivalent faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year	5
Number of adjunct faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year (IHE and PreK-12 staff)	143
Number of students in supervised clinical experience during this academic year	84

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

Programs for teacher education range from 100 to 140 hours of pre-student teaching practicum experiences.

The numbers reflect those involved in supervised clinical experience which, in Nebraska, is defined as the student teaching experience. In addition to the numbers reported above, an additional 115 candidates participated in other supervised field experiences, such as the state-required 100 hour practicum. The supervisors for these pre-student teaching field experiences included an additional 2 full time faculty and 226 additional adjunct faculty (including both IHE and PK-12) during the year.

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Subject Area

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by subject area for academic year 2013-14. 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	19
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	34
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	33
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	4
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	
Teacher Education - Multiple Levels	
Teacher Education - Agriculture	
Teacher Education - Art	1
Teacher Education - Business	5
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	4
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	4
Teacher Education - Music	1
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	9
Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science Teacher Education/General Science	
Teacher Education - Social Science	3
Teacher Education - Social Studies	
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	1
Teacher Education - Chemistry	
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	2
Teacher Education - Physics	
Teacher Education - Spanish	
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	

Specify:

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Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Academic Major

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by academic major for academic year 2013-14. 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	18
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	32
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	35
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	4
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	
Teacher Education - Agriculture	
Teacher Education - Art	1
Teacher Education - Business	4
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	4
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	4
Teacher Education - Music	
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science	
Teacher Education - Social Science	4
Teacher Education - Social Studies	
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	1
Teacher Education - Chemistry	
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	2
Teacher Education - Physics	
Teacher Education - Spanish	
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	
Social Sciences	
Anthropology	
Economics	
Geography and Cartography	
Political Science and Government	
Sociology	

History	1
Foreign Languages	
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	1
English Language/Literature	1
Philosophy and Religious Studies	
Agriculture	
Communication or Journalism	
Engineering	
Biology	
Mathematics and Statistics	
Physical Sciences	
Astronomy and Astrophysics	
Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology	
Chemistry	
Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences	
Physics	
Business/Business Administration/Accounting	1
Computer and Information Sciences	
Other Specify: Criminal Justice, Hotel Administration	3

Section I.f Program Completers

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

2013-14: 86

2012-13: 113

2011-12: 99

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 2013-14

Did your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2013-14?

1

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in mathematics in 2013-14?

Yes

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

We invite K-12 districts on campus for a variety of math events. This helps bring notoriety to our campus math ed programs. Additionally, we do recruitment in area high schools and participation in Education Academy for students who want to explore the field of education while in high school. We also participate in the state-wide Future Teachers of America conference to recruit students who want to pursue a career in education.

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 2014-15

Is your program preparing teachers in mathematics in 2014-15?

Yes

1

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2015-16

Will your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2015-16?

Yes

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

1

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 2013-14

Did your program prepare teachers in science in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2013-14?

1

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in science in 2013-14?

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:

Although we participated in the Education Academy initiative within our local schools, allowing students to explore a career in education, we did not achieve our goal. Additionally, we participated in the state-wide Future Teacher of America conference to do recruiting.

Academic year 2014-15

Is your program preparing teachers in science in 2014-15?

Yes

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

1

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Strategies to increase teacher candidates in this field included: 9-12 Future Teachers Conference participation, prospective student visits conducted by faculty in the content areas, and recruiting on Community College Campuses. In the coming year, we plan to continue these efforts with our prospective student visits including a visit with not only content faculty, but also with a professional education faculty. Additionally, we are constructing a recruitment/alumni database from which we can communicate with alumni and prospective students. This should help increase our prominence in this field area.

Academic year 2015-16

Will your program prepare teachers in science in 2015-16?

Yes

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

1

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

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 2013-14

Did your program prepare teachers in special education in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2013-14?

2

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in special education in 2013-14?

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:

Although we participated in the Education Academy initiative and participated in the state-wide Future Teacher of America conference to recruit students, we did not meet our goal. We plan to augment our recruitment efforts.

Academic year 2014-15

Is your program preparing teachers in special education in 2014-15?

Yes

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

1

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Strategies to increase teacher candidates in this field included: 9-12 Future Teachers Conference participation, prospective student visits conducted by faculty in the content areas, and recruiting on Community College Campuses. Additionally, we have hosted two Special Education P-12 school events on campus to increase prominence in the community. In the coming year, we plan to continue these efforts with our prospective student visits including a visit with not only content faculty, but also with a professional education faculty. Additionally, we are constructing a recruitment/alumni database from which we can communicate with alumni and prospective students. This should help increase our prominence in this field area.

Academic year 2015-16

Will your program prepare teachers in special education in 2015-16?

Yes

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

1

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 2013-14

Did your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

No

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

NA

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 2014-15

Is your program preparing teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2014-15?

No

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

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2015-16

Will your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2015-16?

No

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

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

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:

The School of Education has successfully embedded each of these critical concepts within one or more courses that are required for all pre-service teacher candidates. The SOE continues to combine course curriculum with field experiences that provide applicable experience in working with diverse students and allow candidates to apply the knowledge and skills in the actual classroom with learners. ELL field experiences are embedded into two courses that assure that all teacher candidates will have opportunities to work with ELL students and develop strategies for impacting their learning.

Section III Assessment Pass Rates

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	143	178	143	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	72	178	72	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	103	178	103	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	83	179	83	100
	143	177	143	100

Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students				
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	72	176	71	99
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	105	178	105	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	84	178	84	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	143	175	143	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2013-14	73	175	73	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2012-13	105	175	105	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	85	176	85	100

Section III Summary Pass Rates

Group	Number taking tests	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
All program completers, 2013-14	73	73	100
All program completers, 2012-13	106	106	100
All program completers, 2011-12	87	87	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
NCATE

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.

All candidates complete the Education Technology course as part of requirements for their programs. In addition, application and uses of instructional technology are embedded throughout Education coursework required for all teacher education programs. Students are required to utilize technology to develop instruction and assessment materials that will positively impact their roles as teachers, as well as demonstrate competency in using technology as a teacher. Student teaching requirements ensure that technology is used to collect, manage, and analyze data in order to improve teaching and learning, through the completion of the

learning. Students also use technology to develop and present their professional portfolios, which represent their ability to meet the standards established for teacher education at Peru State College.

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.

All teacher education candidates must successfully complete SpEd 200 Introduction to Special Education, which prepares general education teachers to positively impact the learning of students with disabilities. All teacher education candidates must also successfully complete either Educ 334 Teaching Reading in the Elementary/Middle School or Educ 434 Secondary Reading and Writing across the Curriculum to ensure that they have been prepared to teach students who are limited English proficient. Beyond these specific courses, additional content and assessments are implemented across program coursework to address these areas and ensure that candidates have the knowledge and skills needed to meet the needs of these students.

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.

All special education candidates must successfully complete a required set of special education courses and experiences to ensure that they are prepared to teach students with varied disabilities. The special education program offered at PSC requires 33 hours of special education coursework. All special education candidates must also successfully complete Educ 334 Teaching Reading in the Elementary/Middle School to ensure that they have been prepared to teach students who are limited English proficient.

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.

Peru State College uses three benchmarks for teacher education programs - admission to teacher education, admission to student teaching, and program completion. Each benchmark includes minimum GPAs, completion of specific courses/experiences, background checks, portfolio review, and Praxis Core scores. Candidates cannot complete a teacher education program without meeting all requirements for each benchmark. Clinical experiences begin in the sophomore year (20 hours) and continue in the junior/senior years (80-100 hours). Student teaching is completed the final semester of the program and requires 16 weeks of full day experiences. All clinical experiences require the completion of an evaluation and time log to ensure minimum requirements. As a result of data analysis, changes in course curriculum have been modified to more successfully meet candidates' needs and the needs of the profession. In addition, course formats have been modified to more successfully provide access to courses/programs. NOTE: Peru State College allows candidates to request that the Composite Praxis Core score be accepted for Admission to Teacher Education. This composite score requires two of the three sections of the Praxis Core to be passed, and the third section to be within one point of passing, with an overall composite score equal to, or higher than, the minimum of 468. The allowance of this composite score may impact the overall percentage of completers who pass each section of the Praxis Core in our data.

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