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Project Name: Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership
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Program Website: <http://www.wichita.edu/thisis/academics/education/>

The goal of this program is to improve the achievement of students in the high need, urban areas of Wichita, KS. This will be accomplished by improving teacher preparation through both a residency program and a pre-baccalaureate program. The teacher residency program will focus on early childhood special education. The core curriculum for all levels of concentration in both the residency and pre-baccalaureate programs will focus on urban education and diverse student needs, paying close attention to the literacy skills of the students in these high-need schools. A unique feature of the recruitment for the residency program is that it will target mid-career professionals interested in teaching. Additionally the project will work with several community colleges to facilitate the transfer of potential teachers to the WSU teacher preparation programs.