# University of Central Missouri EPP Recruitment Plan - Initial Programs

### Recruitment Goal 1: Align recruitment initiatives with the demographics and needs of the regions served by UCM's EPP.

Rationale: UCM's EPP relies on area districts to partner with the EPP in the development of effective educators. Ensuring our efforts are aligned with the districts' needs will strengthen these partnerships.

### Implementation

	Action Items	Individuals Responsible	Timeline	Evaluation
Strategy 1: Annual survey of COE Advisory Board districts to learn of shortage	Prepare and implement a survey for spring 2022.	Dean's Office	April 2022	Response rate
areas.	Analyze results from survey and share with district partners and EPP program coordinators.	Coordinator of Data Management and Technology	May 2022	Document reflecting shortage areas and sharing
	Compare area shortage areas with those from state.	Coordinator of Data Management and Technology	May 2022	and onaimig
Strategy 2: Collaborate with area principal and superintendent groups regarding shortages and openings.	Participate in monthly meetings of groups.	Educational Leadership faculty, Dean, Chairs	Ongoing	Agendas
shortages and openings.	Invite area administrators to participate in recruitment events.	Dean's office, GYO coordinator	September	Event agendas
	Share information of openings with eligible student teachers.	Student Teaching Coordinator	Ongoing	Email documentation
	Create rural school recruitment event	Clinical Services, Career Services, Dean's Office	January	Participation rates, applications to rural districts

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## Recruitment Goal 2: Increase the number of candidates entering and completing UCM's teacher preparation programs.

Rationale: Missouri is experiencing a teacher shortage. UCM's teacher preparation programs have experienced a decline in enrollment overall.

Baseline Data: Number of majors

Degree/Program	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
BSE Elementary/Early				
Childhood	470	507	518	551
BSE Middle School - all areas	81	81	72	99
BSE Secondary - all areas	240	257	282	264
BSE Special Education	94	106	94	102
BSE Art	46	52	49	55
BME Music	95	103	119	112
BS Physical Education*	18	33		
TOTAL	1044	1139	1196	1236

<sup>\*</sup>Physical Education numbers are misleading because of restructuring.

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Action Items	Individuals Responsible	Timeline	Evaluation

Strategy 1: Create and share "Why I Teach" PSAs	Create videos featuring UCM students, faculty, and outstanding area teachers sharing the benefits of teaching and their stories of teaching. (Important to include men and teachers of color)	IMC, GYO Coordinator, faculty	Ongoing In conjunction with FTA, admin meetings	Video bank
	Share with Future Teacher Event attendees and sponsors as a method of communication, shared on social media, and shared with partner districts.	GYO Coordinator, ST Coordinator	Late October	Contact list, emails sent
	Share selected videos with admitted students as part of contact plan	Dean, chairs, PCs	Ongoing	
Strategy 2: Sponsor Future Teacher Academy in fall semester (Co-sponsored with RPDC).  On campus event designed to inspire future teachers- students who attend experience time on a college campus including lunch in a dining hall, UCM Faculty panel, UCM student panel, inspirational	Use evaluation data from fall 2021 to plan for fall 2022.  Distribute registration information  Secure speakers	GYO Coordinator, DESE grant coordinator, Dean's Office, RPDC, faculty  GYO Coordinator, RPDC, Dean's office  GYO Coordinator	August -meet to examine data, plan event, create evaluation document Event - October 4 and 5	Survey to participants and sponsors  Track schools who return in subsequent years  Determine of participants who enroll at UCM,
guest speakers	Manage logistics	Dean's Office		
Strategy 3: Sponsor Teach It Forward event in spring semester. (Co-sponsored with RPDC). On campus mini-conference for area high school students and	Plan for spring 2023 - secure speakers  Distribute registration information	GYO Coordinator, DESE grant coordinator, Dean's Office, RPDC, faculty  GYO Coordinator,	October - meet to begin planning, secure speakers	Survey to participants and sponsors  Track schools who return in subsequent years

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current education majors.	Manage logistics	RPDC, Dean's office Dean's Office		Determine of participants who enroll at UCM,
Strategy 4: Communication with admitted students	Admitted student signing event:  • Identify incoming education majors from area schools.  • Travel to schools to photograph students "signing" as future teachers.  • Share images via social media.  • Capture students who are here for events  Create communication flow for admitted students  • Email from Dean's Office with Why I Teach video  • Email from chairs and/or PC  • Email or text from current student	GYO Coordinator, DESE grant coordinator, Dean's Office,	Fall 2022 and ongoing	Yield rate
Strategy 5: UCM College of Education Student Ambassadors identified to give presentations in home high schools.	Identify students to serve as ambassadors. (Juniors - look for 1 or 2 per district)	GYO Coordinator	Summer 2022	Track students from ambassador's
	Create positions through HR and hire students	Dean's Office	Summer 2022	high schools applying and
	Create presentation to be used.	GYO Coordinator	Fall 2022	admitted to UCM
	Train ambassadors.	GYO Coordinator	Fall 2022	
	Schedule school presentations.	GYO Coordinator	Fall and spring 2022	

# Recruitment Goal 3: Increase the number of non-traditional students pursuing educator certification through alternative pathways to certification.

\Rationale: Missouri is experiencing a teacher shortage and UCM's teacher preparation programs have experienced a decline in enrollment overall. The number of high school graduates is expected to decrease in the coming years soit will be imperative to recruit non-traditional candidates into programs.

#### **Implementation**

	Action Items	Individuals Responsible	Timeline	Evaluation
Strategy 1: Create and share "Why I Teach" PSAs	Create videos featuring teachers who have come to teaching in a non-traditional manner (para-profesional to certified teacher, career changers, etc.).  Share on social media and with partner districts.	IMC, GYO Coordinator, faculty	Ongoing	Video bank
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Strategy 2: Collaboration with partner school districts	Disseminate information about UCM programs for non-traditional students with partner districts.	Para program coordinators, Dean's office, IMC	Fall 2022	Track number of participants
	Host informational meetings in districts.	Para program coordinators, program advisor		
Strategy 3: Increase opportunities for courses to be offered in	Work with program coordinators to determine courses that can be offered in varied formats.	Para program coordinators, program advisor	Ongoing	
formats for working adults.	Ensure candidates have appropriate experiences in their schools.			

# Recruitment Goal 4: Increase the number of candidates from diverse backgrounds entering and completing a teacher preparation program. (State focus: males and candidates of color.)

#### Implementation

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	Action Items  Note: The strategies below are the same as for goal 1. The specific actions to respond to this goal are included.	Individuals Responsible	Timeline	Evaluation
Strategy 1: Create and share "Why I Teach" PSAs	Ensure PSAs developed by UCM include representation of males and candidates of color			
Strategy 2: Sponsor Future Teacher Academy in fall semester (Co-sponsored with RPDC). On campus event designed to inspire future teachers- students who attend experience time on a college campus including lunch in a dining hall, UCM Faculty panel, UCM student panel, inspirational guest speakers	Ensure keynote guest speakers and session speakers include representation of males and candidates of color.  Ensure inclusion of partner districts in rural, urban, and charter schools to ensure access for all students.			
Strategy 3: Sponsor Teach It Forward event in spring semester. (Co-sponsored with RPDC). On campus mini-conference for area high school students and current education majors.	Ensure keynote guest speakers and session speakers include representation of males and candidates of color.  Ensure inclusion of partner districts in rural, urban, and charter schools to ensure access for all students.			
Strategy 4:	Ensure signing events include representation of males and			

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Host Future Teacher Signing events.	candidates of color			
Strategy 5: UCM College of Education Student Ambassadors identified to give presentations in home high schools.	Recruit current students who are male or students of color to mentor high school students who are involved in future teacher activities.  Recruit recent graduates who are male or teachers of color to mentor current students in the College of Education.  Recruit paraprofessionals (after completion of program and now teaching) who are male or teachers of color to mentor new paraprofessional teacher candidates.			