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training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

(b) The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program is designed to provide academic training in areas of personnel shortages identified by the Secretary and published in a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. These areas may include—

- (1) Vocational rehabilitation counseling;
- (2) Rehabilitation technology;
- (3) Rehabilitation medicine;
- (4) Rehabilitation nursing;
- (5) Rehabilitation social work;
- (6) Rehabilitation psychiatry;
- (7) Rehabilitation psychology;
- (8) Rehabilitation dentistry;
- (9) Physical therapy;
- (10) Occupational therapy;
- (11) Speech pathology and audiology;
- (12) Physical education;
- (13) Therapeutic recreation;
- (14) Community rehabilitation program personnel;
- (15) Prosthetics and orthotics;
- (16) Specialized personnel for rehabilitation of individuals who are blind or have vision impairment;
- (17) Rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing;
- (18) Rehabilitation of individuals who are mentally ill;
- (19) Undergraduate education in the rehabilitation services;
- (20) Independent living;
- (21) Client assistance;
- (22) Administration of community rehabilitation programs;
- (23) Rehabilitation administration;
- (24) Vocational evaluation and work adjustment;
- (25) Services to individuals with specific disabilities or specific impediments to rehabilitation, including individuals who are members of populations that are unserved or underserved by programs under this Act;
- (26) Job development and job placement services to individuals with disabilities;
- (27) Supported employment services, including services of employment specialists for individuals with disabilities;
- (28) Specialized services for individuals with severe disabilities;
- (29) Recreation for individuals with disabilities;

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(30) The use, applications, and benefits of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; and

(31) Other fields contributing to the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711 and 771a)

§ 386.2 Who is eligible for an award?

Those agencies and organizations eligible for assistance under this program are described in 34 CFR 385.2.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(a))

§ 386.3 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program:

- (a) The regulations in this part 386.
- (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 385.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a)

§ 386.4 What definitions apply?

The following definitions apply to this program:

- (a) Definitions in 34 CFR 385.4.
- (b) *Other definitions.* The following definitions also apply to this part:

Academic year means a full-time course of study—

- (1) Taken for a period totaling at least nine months; or
- (2) Taken for the equivalent of at least two semesters, two trimesters, or three quarters.

Certificate means a recognized educational credential awarded by a grantee under this part that attests to the completion of a specified series of courses or program of study.

Professional corporation or professional practice means—

- (1) A professional service corporation or practice formed by one or more individuals duly authorized to render the same professional service, for the purpose of rendering that service; and
- (2) The corporation or practice and its members are subject to the same supervision by appropriate State regulatory agencies as individual practitioners.

Related agency means—

- (1) An American Indian rehabilitation program; or
- (2) Any of the following agencies that provide services to individuals with

disabilities under an agreement with a designated State agency in the area of specialty for which training is provided:

- (i) A Federal, State, or local agency.
- (ii) A nonprofit organization.
- (iii) A professional corporation or professional practice group.

Scholar means an individual who is enrolled in a certificate or degree granting course of study in one of the areas listed in §386.1(b) and who receives scholarship assistance under this part.

Scholarship means an award of financial assistance to a scholar for training and includes all disbursements or credits for student stipends, tuition and fees, and student travel in conjunction with training assignments.

State rehabilitation agency means the designated State agency.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

Subpart B [Reserved]

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 386.20 What additional selection criteria are used under this program?

In addition to the criteria in 34 CFR 385.31(c), the Secretary uses the following additional selection criteria to evaluate an application:

(a) *Relevance to State-Federal rehabilitation service program.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the proposed project appropriately relates to the mission of the State-Federal rehabilitation service program.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that the project can be expected either—

(i) To increase the supply of trained personnel available to State and other public or nonprofit agencies involved in the rehabilitation of individuals with physical or mental disabilities through degree or certificate granting programs; or

(ii) To improve the skills and quality of professional personnel in the rehabilitation field in which the training is to be provided through the granting of a degree or certificate.

(b) *Nature and scope of curriculum.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that demonstrates the adequacy of the proposed curriculum.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) The scope and nature of the coursework reflect content that can be expected to enable the achievement of the established project objectives;

(ii) The curriculum and teaching methods provide for an integration of theory and practice relevant to the educational objectives of the program;

(iii) There is evidence of educationally focused practical and other field experiences in settings that ensure student involvement in the provision of vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, or independent living rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with severe disabilities;

(iv) The coursework includes student exposure to vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, or independent living rehabilitation processes, concepts, programs, and services; and

(v) If applicable, there is evidence of current professional accreditation by the designated accrediting agency in the professional field in which grant support is being requested.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 771a)

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Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met After an Award?

§ 386.30 What are the matching requirements?

The Federal share may not be more than 90 percent of the total cost of a project under this program. The Secretary may waive part of the non-Federal share of the cost of the project after negotiations if the applicant demonstrates that it does not have sufficient resources to contribute the entire match.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

§ 386.31 What are the requirements for directing grant funds?

(a) A grantee must use at least 75 percent of the total award for scholarships as defined in §386.4.