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RE: Graduate Specialist Programs in Speech and Language Pathology

Enclosed please find information regarding enrollment, graduation, and job placement for students in graduate specialist programs in Speech and Language Pathology at the California State University (CSU.) This report is submitted pursuant to Chapter 23 of the Statutes of 2019 (Budget Act of 2019) as amended by Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 2019, as amended by Chapter 363 of the Statutes of 2019, Section 2, item 6610-001-0001, provision 1.5, paragraph (g), which provided funding to support these programs.

The California State University (CSU) has distinguished itself as an institution that responds to the state's workforce needs by offering both traditional and emerging degree programs. These offerings have allowed the system to meet labor market demands by providing high-quality education. The healthcare workforce is expected to expand as the state's population grows and ages. The CSU has responded dynamically by adapting academic programming to reflect current and future industry competencies while developing new degree/certificated training programs to reflect emerging needs.

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Bakersfield
Channel Islands
Chico
Dominguez Hills
East Bay

Fresno
Fullerton
Humboldt
Long Beach
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According to the Employment Development Department, the field of communication disorders is expected to grow by 40 percent in the next ten years. Student and employer demand for both undergraduate and graduate-level Speech Language Pathology programs has increased due to the severe shortage of practitioners being produced to meet rising healthcare demands.

Graduate programs in Speech Language Pathology throughout the CSU system are uniquely positioned to address these demands because of the accessibility of campuses throughout the state, including several in medically underserved areas. This, along with the CSU's uniquely diverse student population, allows the CSU to be one of the largest producers of population-reflective healthcare graduates.

The state allocation has helped to increase student enrollment from 318 to 339 since the 2019-20 academic year, resulting in a 6% increase. These funds will continue to sustain the CSU's ability to produce graduates in the high demand field of communication disorders while ensuring that a substantial percentage of graduates obtain licensure to practice.

This report, as produced in these tables, includes data from the eight CSU campuses which received and utilized funds to support enrollment, graduation, and job placement in graduate Speech Language Pathology programs:

Graduate Specialist Programs in Speech Pathology Summary Totals 2020-2021					
Enrollees	# of Graduates	# of PRAXIS Exams	# of Passed PRAXIS	# of Gradates Employed	% Employed
290	287	175	172	170	96%

Graduate Specialist Programs in Speech Pathology by Campus 2020-2021						
Campuses	Enrollees	# of Graduates	# PRAXIS Exams	# Passed PRAXIS	# Graduates Employed	% Employed
Chico	26	25	24	24	24	100%
Fullerton	23	30	22	21	30	100%
Long Beach	24	24	15	15	TBD	TBD
Northridge	46	50	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sacramento	38	34	28	28	28	100%
San Diego	44	39	39	39	38	97%
San Francisco	49	50	26	24	50	100%
San Jose	40	35	21	21	TBD	TBD

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Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations at (916) 445-5983.

Sincerely,


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