

collection grants, must be exemplary and innovative models and have potential for dissemination or knowledge utilization at the local level as well as nationally or otherwise meet the goals of part E of the Act.

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### PART 1388—THE UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

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#### § 1388.1 Definitions.

For purposes of this part:

*Accessible* means UAPs are characterized by their program and physical accommodation and their demonstrated commitment to the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

*Capacity Building* means that UAPs utilize a variety of approaches to strengthen their university and their local, State, regional and National communities. These approaches include, but are not limited to such activities as:

- (1) Enriching program depth and breadth, for example, recruiting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, local community leaders, additional faculty and students to participate in the UAP;
- (2) Acquiring additional resources, for example, grants, space, and volunteer manpower; and
- (3) Carrying out systems changes, for example, promoting inclusive programming for persons with developmental disabilities across all ages.

*Collaboration* means that the UAP cooperates with a wide range of persons, systems, and agencies, whether they

utilize services of the UAP or are involved in UAP planning and programs. These entities include individuals with developmental disabilities and family members, as well as the State Developmental Disabilities Councils, the Protection and Advocacy agencies, other advocacy and disability groups, university components, generic and specialized human service agencies, State agencies and citizen and community groups. An example of this cooperation is the Consumer Advisory Committee, a required element in each UAP.

*Cultural Diversity* means that UAPs are characterized by their commitment to involve individuals with disabilities, family members and trainees from diverse cultural backgrounds in all levels of their activities. This commitment to cultural diversity means that each UAP must assure that individuals from racial and ethnic minority background are fully included; that efforts are made to recruit individuals from minority backgrounds into the field of developmental disabilities; that specific efforts must be made to ensure that individuals from minority backgrounds have effective and meaningful opportunities for full participation in the developmental disabilities service system; and that recruitment efforts at the levels of preservice training, community training, practice, administration and policymaking must focus on bringing large numbers of racial ethnic minorities into the field in order to provide appropriate skills, knowledge, role models, and sufficient personnel to address the growing needs of an increasingly diverse population.

*Culturally competent* means provision of services, supports, or other assistance in a manner that is responsive to the beliefs, interpersonal styles, attitudes, language and behaviors of individuals who are receiving services, and that has the greatest likelihood of ensuring their maximum participation in the program.

*Diverse Network* means that although each UAP has the same mandates under the Act, the expression of these common mandates differs across programs. Each UAP must implement these mandates within the context of their host university, their location within the university, the needs of the

local and State community, the cultural composition of their State, their resources and funding sources, and their institutional history. These factors converge to create a network of unique and distinct programs, bound together by common mandates but enriched by diverse composition.

*Interdisciplinary Training* means the use of individuals from different professional specialties for UAP training and service delivery.

*Lifespan Approach* means that UAP activities address the needs of individuals with disabilities who are of all ages.

*Mandated Core Functions* means the UAP must perform:

- (1) Interdisciplinary preservice preparation;
- (2) Community service activities (community training and technical assistance); and
- (3) Activities related to dissemination of information and research findings.

*Program Criteria* means a statement of the Department's expectation regarding the direction and desired outcome of the University Affiliated Program's operation.

*Research and evaluation* means that the UAP refines its activities on the basis of evaluation results. As members of the university community, involvement in program-relevant research and development of new knowledge are important components of UAPs.

*State-of-the-art* means that UAP activities are of high quality (using the latest technology), worthy of replication (consistent with available resources), and systemically evaluated.

#### § 1388.2 Program criteria—purpose.

The program criteria will be used to assess the quality of the University Affiliated Programs (UAP). The overall purpose of the program criteria is to assure the promotion of independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities. Compliance with the program criteria is a prerequisite for a UAP to receive the minimum funding level of a UAP. However, compliance with the program criteria does not, by itself, assure funding. The Program Criteria are one part of the Quality Enhancement

System (QES), and provide a structure for self-assessment and peer review of each UAP. (The QES is a holistic approach to enable persons with developmental disabilities and their families to achieve maximum potential. All UAPs use the QES.)

#### § 1388.3 Program criteria—mission.

(a) Introduction to mission: The UAP is guided by values of independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The purpose and scope of the activities must be consistent with the Act as amended and include the provision of training, service, research and evaluation, technical assistance and dissemination of information in a culturally competent manner, including the meaningful participation of individuals from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. (The concept of "diverse network" as defined in § 1388.1 of this part applies to paragraphs (b), (f), (g), and (h) of this section.)

(b) The UAP must develop a written mission statement that reflects its values and promotes the goals of the university in which it is located, including training, the development of new knowledge and service. The UAP's goals, objectives and activities must be consistent with the mission statement.

(c) The UAP's mission and programs must reflect a life span approach, incorporate an interdisciplinary approach and include the active participation of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

(d) The UAP programs must address the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, including individuals with developmental disabilities who are unserved or underserved, in institutions, and on waiting lists.

(e) The UAP's mission must reflect a commitment to culturally competent attitudes and practices, which are in response to local culture and needs.

(f) The UAP's mission must reflect its unique role as a bridge between university programs, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, service agencies and the larger community.

(g) The UAP's goals, objectives, and activities must be consistent with the