# Innovative Approaches to Interdisciplinary Training in UCEDDs

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#### Introduction

Interdisciplinary pre-service training is a core UCEDD activity that includes the integration of distinct disciplines into a coherent pre-service training program. The development of interdisciplinary training must take into consideration the contributions of people with disabilities and their family members in its design and implementation as well as the advancement of professional practice, scholarship, and policy that positively affects the lives of people with disabilities, their caregivers, and other stakeholders. UCEDDs are unique in that they are interdisciplinary, sustainable, and enrich university curriculum for future practicing professionals.

Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC), a UCEDD at the University of South Florida, has expanded its mission and reach by developing innovative practices to increase trainee

participation. These practices include online delivery of academic programs, collaboration with university programs, the creation of a trainee commons, and partnering with Vocational Rehabilitation. The center is also planning a diversity pipeline program called Inclusion Scholars



## Objectives

Instruction
Support
Mentorship

Expand Participation
Increase Diversity

Training

Community Impact
Community Involvement
Services

Cultural Competence
Advocacy
Inclusion

# Strategies

Academics	Collaborations	Core Training
<ul> <li>Online PBS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Project ABA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Trainee Commons</li> </ul>
Certificate	<ul> <li>Project EBAS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Spanish Modules</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Online MS CABH</li> </ul>	• ICEI Clinic	<ul> <li>English Modules</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>PhD BCS</li> </ul>	• CARD	
	• FLPBIS	

### In Development

Vocational Rehabilitation	Inclusion Scholars
<ul> <li>Community Trainees</li> </ul>	Diversity Pipeline
<ul> <li>On the Job Training</li> </ul>	• Service
Advocacy Training	Community Impact

#### Benefits

Trainee Ethnic Diversity FY19

Hispanic

- Flexible academic programs
- Online Learning
- Individualized Training
- National and International trainees
- Community Involvement
- Free resources
- Influence systemic change

Innovation is a new way of doing things that result in positive change while supporting productivity. Diversity, purpose, and service are key elements in sustaining innovation that has consequential impacts. FCIC has been a pioneer in the way that it offers interdisciplinary training within its network through the development of initiatives aimed at increasing enrollment and promoting diversity and inclusion. The current programs and those in development are based on thoroughly and effectively training a diverse body of community members and professionals. The goal is that they will go out to their communities, apply what they have learned, and effect change locally and in the disability field as a whole.

Conclusion

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