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TEACHER PREPARATION ANNUAL REPORT

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“DEPARTING THE PRESENT-FULLY PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE”

Fort Valley State University’s College of Education (CoE) is comprised of five departments: Middle Grades, Agriculture Education, Early Childhood/Special Education, Health and Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Three of the five programs have existed for only four years. Data for the last three cohorts illustrate an increase in graduation Grade Point Averages and employment rates. More than 93 percent of the COE’s alums are non-white. Approximately 92 percent of the graduates are employed. Fifty-seven percent of FVSU’s graduates are employed in the following school systems: Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Henry, Lawrence, Dekalb, Fulton, Richmond and Washington. Several students from the program are educators in the southeastern states of North Carolina and Kentucky.



INDICATORS	SPRING 2012	FALL 2012	SPRING 2013
Total Graduates	18	27	14
Blacks	16	26	13
Whites	2	1	1
Percent of Black Graduates	89 percent	96 percent	93 percent
Average GPA	3.14	3.3	3.3
Employment Rate	15	23	11

Candidates from FVSU's CoE teacher education programs demonstrate strong performances during their matriculation and graduation from our program. In 2011-2012, 39 candidates graduated in degree programs that allowed them to teach in early childhood, elementary, middle school, and special education classrooms. Some evidence of FVSU CoE candidates' success includes:

- Results on state licensure exams: Seventy-six percent of CoE graduates successfully completed licensure exams in their respective content areas within three months of graduating from FVSU. (See GACE reports)
- Graduate surveys: Within six months of graduating from FVSU, 97 percent of candidates had either found positions in classrooms teaching, were enrolled in graduate school, or became gainfully employed in careers related to education. Two candidates chose not to continue to teach upon graduating and are successfully employed and enrolled in a graduate education program.
- Average GPA of program completers: Teacher education programs graduates are demonstrating a greater level of success in their content and pedagogy coursework. The average grade point average of FVSU CoE 2011-2012 degree completers was a respectable 3.1.
- Retention rates in preparation programs in the teaching field: Retention rates for FVSU's CoE 2010-2011 graduates show that many, if not all, are gainfully employed and enjoy teaching. Although some transition from school to school, all alums continue to teach and demonstrate strong performance in their schools as educators.
- Job placement rates: Seventy-six percent of the FVSU CoE 2011-2012 class successfully received jobs in the education field within six months of graduating from the university.
- Graduation rates: Eighty-eight percent of FVSU CoE 2011-2012 candidates graduated.