

CREATE of SC

*Centers for the Re-education and Advancement of
Teachers
in Special Education and Related Services Personnel*

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*Sponsored by the SCDE Office of
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CREATE Mission

A scholarship program sponsored by the SCDE Office of Special Education Services, CREATE seeks to grow a highly qualified work force of special education teachers and related services personnel in SC public/charter schools and SCDE-operated programs.

A Collaborative Effort

- **Triad of SCDE, LEAs, & SC colleges**
- **LEAs may refer/recommend participants**
- **Colleges provide preparation course work**
- **SCDE pays for tuition and textbooks**
- **All stakeholders share in the success**



CREATE provides course scholarship funds to individuals who want to become Special Education Teachers or Related Service Personnel.

Special Education Teachers

- **Add-on SpEd licensure (all areas)**
- **Initial SpEd licensure (Bachelor's & MAT)**
- **Alternative PACE-Emotional Disabilities**
- **Distance Bachelor's program, USC Aiken**
- **Distance MAT program, Francis Marion U.**

Related Services Personnel*

- **Behavior Interventionists**
- **Orientation & Mobility Specialists**
- **School Psychologists**
- **Speech-Language Pathologists**
- **Transition Specialists**

* Must be nominated by District, who commits to hire upon program completion.

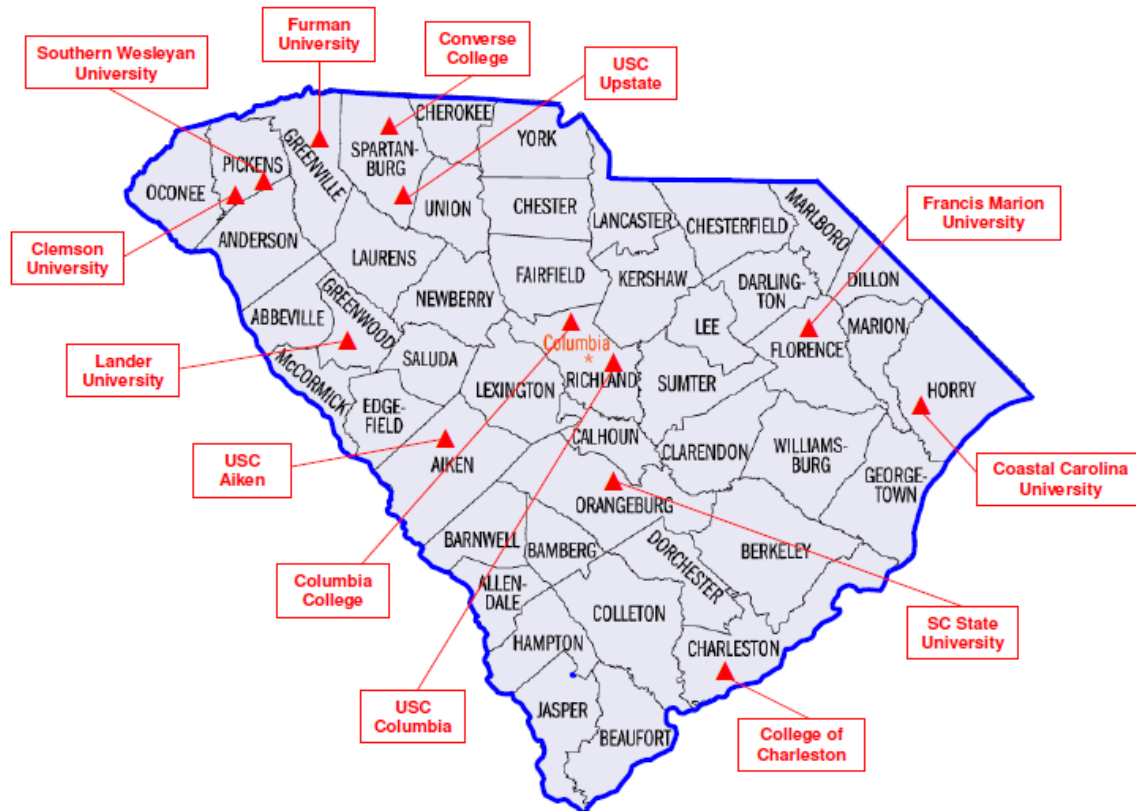
Eligible Participants

- **Full-time employees; public/charter/SOPs**
- **Instructional and non-instructional staff**
- **Priority groups:**
 - **Teacher Assistants/Paras**
 - **General Ed Teachers (career changers)**
 - **Long-term/Permanent Subs**
 - **Reduction-in-Force Teachers**
 - **Office/other non-instructional staff**

How CREATE Works

- Submit application online or by email/fax
- Gather/submit additional documents (varies)
- Sign & submit *Scholarship Loan Agreement*
- Commit to returning 3 years of service to SC
- Take up to 3 courses per semester/summer
- Full tuition paid + \$150/course for textbooks
- Funds channeled through 14 SC colleges
- Information available at www.sccreate.org

13 Participating SC Colleges

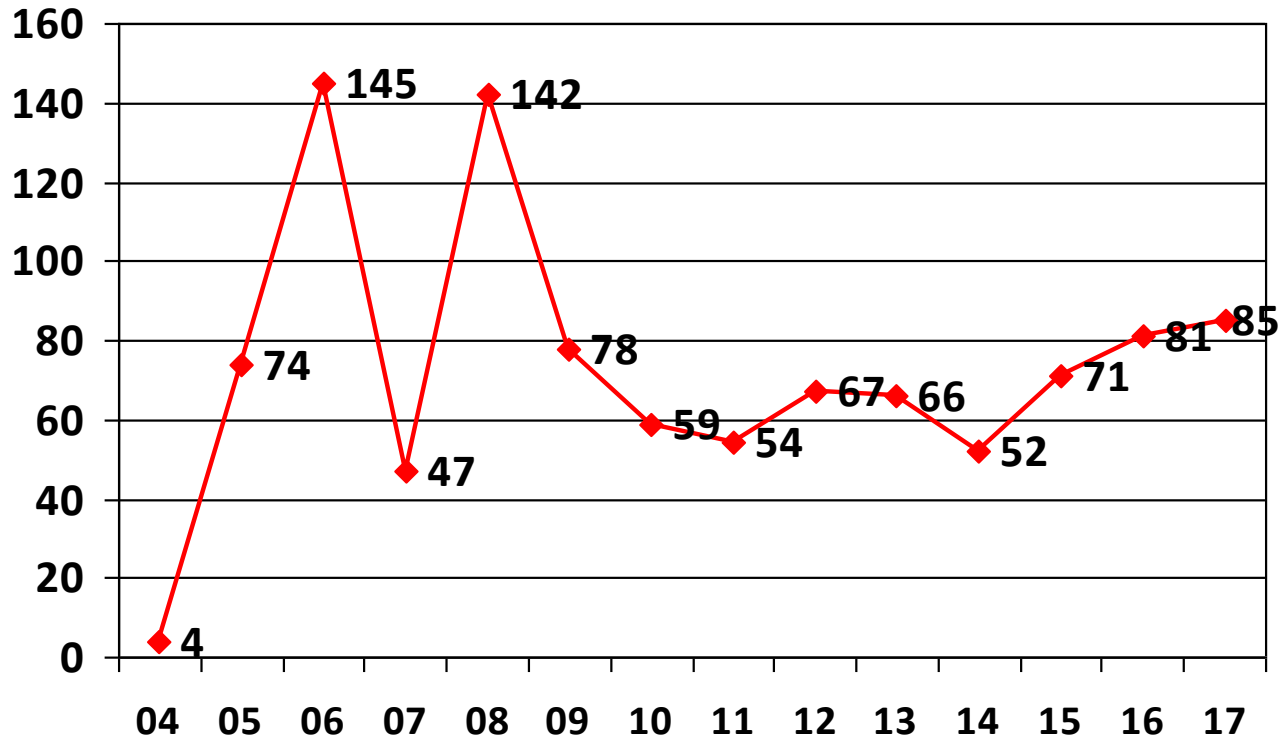


Important Policies

- **CREATE funds may not be used for personal professional development, such as pursuit of a master's degree or educator license renewal.**
- **Withdrawal from scholarship courses or unsatisfactory grades which cause CREATE to forfeit funds will result in disqualification and reimbursement to SCDE for funds received; Recipients must replace the course with personal funds in order to be reinstated in good standing.**
- **Program completers must return 3 years of service to the State in their new licensure area.**

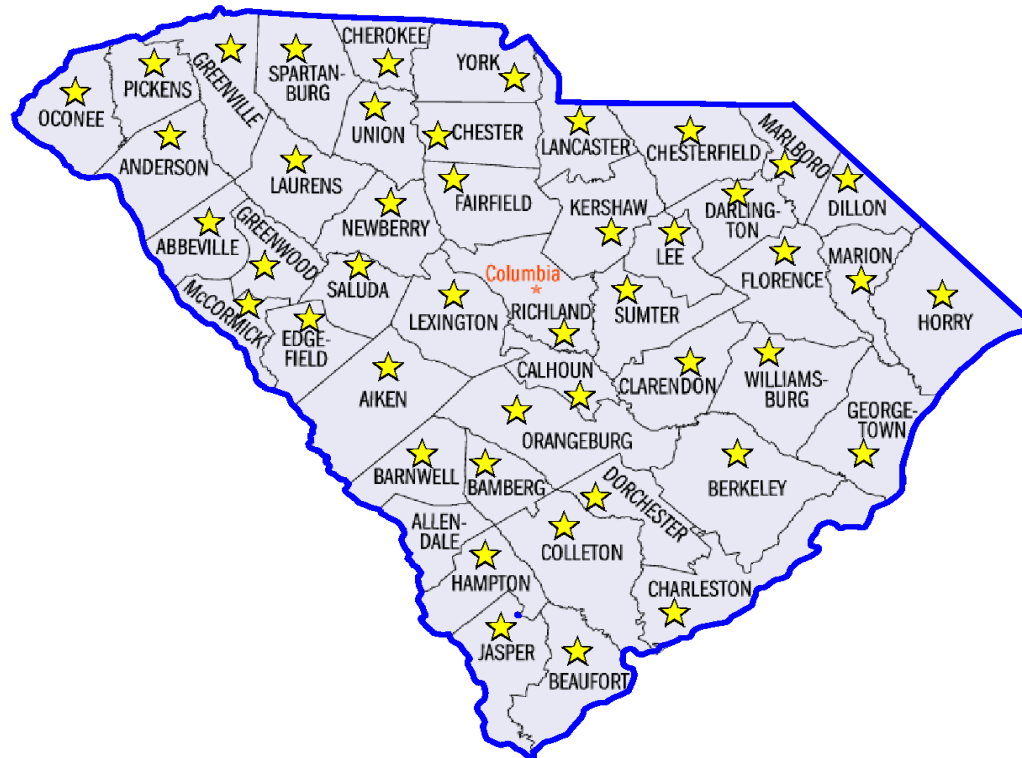
1,025 Program Completers

14-Year Total, 2003-2017



All SC Counties are Benefiting

Program Completers in 83 of 84 School Districts



Questions?

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*Celebrating 16 Years of Success in
Helping SC School Districts
Grow Their Own
2003-2019*