Strengthening Clinical Practice by Forming Mutually Facilitated Partnerships
Development of the Partnerships and Reciprocal Relationships...

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Evidence from Research:
The Blue Ribbon Panel (2010) indicated that teacher candidates who participate in clinical experiences formed from partnerships learn to collaborate, communicate, and problem-solve while immersed in the community; consequently becoming better prepared to teach in the world’s rapidly changing education environment.
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Additional Research:
Hollins and Crockett (2012) reported that one of the major challenges facing Educator Preparation Programs today is the implementation of clinical experiences that move teacher candidates from outdated teaching practices to an instructional process that fosters successful learning outcomes for all students including those from diverse intellectual, cultural, and social backgrounds.
The Goals
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• Goals of the Studies

1. Developing partnerships with schools and communities

2. Changing and/or influencing teacher candidate perspectives about working with students from Diverse Backgrounds

3. Promoting/facilitating teacher candidate leadership
The Universities
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The Universities...

Bethel University (BU) is a private, 4-year institution affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. BU is located in McKenzie, a small rural community in West Tennessee.
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• Bethel University

Demographics by percentages

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N=1,416 (on-campus)
Taken from IPEDS report
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The Universities...

Oakland City University (OCU) is a private, 4-year institution affiliated with the General Baptist Church. OCU is located in Oakland City, a small coalmining town in Southwestern Indiana.
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• Oakland City University

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The Communities
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The Surrounding Communities:

Huntingdon, TN

- **Median Income**: $28,319
- **Population**: 5,310
- **Race/Ethnicity**
  - Caucasian: 83%
  - African American: 14%
  - Hispanic: 1%
  - Other: 3%
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The Surrounding Communities:

McKenzie, TN

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The Surrounding Communities…

Oakland City, Indiana

- **Median Income**: $28,844
- **Population**: 2,429
- **Race/Ethnicity**
  - Caucasian: 96%
  - African American: 1%
  - Hispanic: 2%
  - Other: 1%
The Partners
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The Partners:

• **Carroll County Learning Center**
  • Serves 64 Students (with Moderate to Severe Disabilities)
  • Male 48%; Female 52%
  • Student Diversity
    • White 96%
    • Multiracial 1%
    • African American 3%
    • Other 0%
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The Partners:

• **McKenzie Elementary School**
  • Serves 546 Students in grades PreK through 4th
  • Male 48%; Female 52%
  • Student Diversity
    • White 75%
    • African American 18%
    • Hispanic 7%
  • Math proficient 92%; reading proficient 91%
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The Partners:

- **McKenzie Middle School**
  - Serves 412 Students in grades 5 through 8
  - Male 53%; Female 47%
  - Student Diversity
    - White 83%
    - Hispanic 4%
    - African American 13%
  - Math proficient 65%; reading proficient 60%
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The Partners:

• **Oakland City Elementary School**
  • Serves 261 Students PK-6
  • Male 48%; Female 52%
  • Student Diversity
    • White 96%
    • Multiracial 1.0%
    • Other 0%
  • Math proficient 92%; reading proficient 77%
The Partnerships
Carroll County Learning Center
Development of the Partnerships and Reciprocal Relationships……

How it works…

Teacher Candidates have provided Academic Services:

- Art & Music Classes
- Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) training
- Tutoring Assistance in all Grades
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
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How it works…
Teacher Candidates have provided Environmental Services:

- Weighted Blankets
- Sensory Board
- Play Room Mural
- Painted Playground Equipment
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How it Works...

Teacher Candidates have provided Social Activities and Events:

- Prom
- Holiday Parties
  - Valentine’s Day
  - Easter
  - Halloween
  - Christmas
- Special Olympics
- Very Special Arts Festival
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School of Education Faculty have provided:

• Supervision of activities provided by Teacher Candidates
• Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers and Staff
• Consultation Services for teachers, administrators, and parents
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The Carroll County Learning Center provides:

• A Venue for Teacher Candidates to:
  - Share Ideas
  - Create Programs
  - Provide Instruction for Students with Exceptionalities

• Feedback, input, and guidance for candidates

• Guest presenters for teacher education classes on campus
Walnut Heights
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How it Expanded:

**Walnut Heights**

Walnut Heights is a government housing project. In partnership with the Sociology Department at Bethel University, teacher candidates have provided an after school tutoring program for the students who live in the housing project.
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How it Expanded:

**Walnut Heights Demographics:**

- Total Students: 20
- Gender: Male-40% (8 out of 20)  Female-60% (12 out of 20)
- Race/Ethnicity: African American-100% (20/20)
- Home School: McKenzie Elementary School-9 Students  McKenzie Middle School-11 Students
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How it Expanded:

Walnut Heights

The Tutors 8 (there every day)

Race:
- Hispanic 63% (5 of 8)
- Caucasian 37% (3 of 8)

Gender:
- Male 50% (4 of 8)
- Female 50% (4 of 8)
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How it Expanded:

**Walnut Heights**

Teacher Candidates Provide:
- Tutoring in Math and Reading
- Testing in Math and Reading
- Social Skills Practice
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How it Expanded:

Walnut Heights

Sociology Faculty and Staff Provide:
Social Skills Training for Students
Healthy Snacks, Materials, and Supplies
Activities and Homework Assistance
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How it Expanded:

**Walnut Heights**

Walnut Heights Provides:

- The Facilities
- A Venue for Teacher Candidates to have Authentic Experiences with Students from Diverse Backgrounds
- The Students
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How it Expanded:

Walnut Heights

Bethel University Faculty Provide:
- Information Sharing with Local Schools
- Testing Results
- Behavior Logs
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How it Expanded:

**Walnut Heights**

Local Schools Provide:
- Current Information on Students
- Collaboration
- Scores from Formative Assessments
Acorn Academy
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New Expansion:

Acorn Academy

NOW, at Oakland City University!

Acorn Academy

Make friends!

improve your grades!

Eat snacks!

Free tutoring in reading, math and writing

Ride the bus to OCU

 Begins in January

Wednesdays

3:15-4:15
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Newest Expansion:

Acorn Academy

Oakland City University faculty Provide:

- Scheduling
- Supplies, snacks
- Training in reading comprehension strategies
- Collaboration with principal and parents
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Newest Expansion:

**Acorn Academy**

Local School Provides:

- Current Information on Students
- Transportation to and from the University
- Scores from Formative Assessments
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Newest Expansion:

Acorn Academy

Teacher Candidates Provide:
  Tutoring in Reading Comprehension
  Help with homework
  Challenging labs for gifted students
The Data
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• The Data

1. Collection Methods
   a. Walnut Heights
      • Administered Wide Range Achievement Test (WRAT) annually
      • Procured Formative Achievement Data from Principals
   b. Carroll County Learning Center
      • Feedback from Faculty
      • Teacher Candidate Surveys
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• The Data (contd.)

2. Data Analysis
   a. Pre/Post Test Analysis
   b. Progress Measure
   c. Reflection

3. Impact on Student Learning
   a. Walnut Heights
   b. Carroll County Learning Center
   c. Teacher Candidates
Results
References


