Improving Child Outcomes of Young Children with High-Intensity Needs through Interdisciplinary Preparations of Special Education and Preschool Psychology (ICO).

**The ICO Project** is a federally funded scholarship program that will provide interdisciplinary training and mentoring to scholars to enhance their knowledge and skills as they become school psychologists with specialization in preschool psychology, trainers, and leaders in promoting the school readiness skills of young children with high-intensity needs in public and private early childhood settings. Scholars will receive training to acquire skills to promote high-quality early childhood environments, address challenging behaviors, provide focused and individualized Tier II and III interventions, and develop collaboration and leadership skills, with the aim to help young children with disabilities who have high-intensity needs to develop critical P-12 school readiness and career outcomes.

**Advantages of participating in the ICO Project include:**

- Candidates will be prepared to have specialization in preschool psychology through a 15-credit captured master program in our advanced certificate School Psychology Program.
- Candidates selected will be trained to address challenging behavior, response to intervention, develop collaboration and leadership skills, and to become trainers/leaders in promoting the school readiness skills of high intensity needs young children with disabilities. Specifically, they will gain knowledge and skills in early identification and intervention, differentiated instruction, IFSP and IEP development, Tier II and Tier III interventions, assessment, collaborative consultation, and culturally and linguistically appropriate and responsive practices in inclusive early childhood special education settings.
- Candidates will receive 70% tuition support from this grant (applicants will be responsible for the application fee, university fees, and 30% of the tuition).
- Courses will be offered in the evenings during Spring, Summer, and Fall so that school psychology scholars can finish the scholarship courses in one year.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
Applications to the school psychology program will be accepted until January 15, 2021. ICO scholarship applications will be accepted until April 30, 2021. Selected applicants will begin to take courses Fall 2021.