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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 1281, s. 2026

CALL FOR AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR THE INSTITUTION-BASED GRADUATE PROGRAM IN SPECIAL NEEDS AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Relative to DM-OULS-2026-381 dated August 19, 2026 titled "Call for and Selection of Applicants for the Institution-Based Graduate Program in Special Needs and Inclusive Education for In-Service Teachers," the Learning Systems Strand, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID), hereby announces the call for selection to the said scholarship program.
2. This initiative aims to enhance the competencies of public elementary and secondary teachers on inclusive education, differentiated instruction, and disability-responsive pedagogies to better support learners with disabilities (LWDs) in basic education. This program forms part of DepEd's broader strategy to build a pool of qualified and competent receiving teachers who can effectively implement inclusive education in schools nationwide. It shall be a one (1)-year full scholarship leading to a Graduate Diploma in Special Needs and Inclusive education.
3. The program will be delivered in partnership with the Philippine Normal University (PNU). It is scheduled to commence in September 2026 to be delivered through full online classes.
4. The following are the general qualifications and documentary requirements:

General Qualifications:

Applicants must meet the following general qualifications:

- a. Must be a permanent teacher under DepEd
- b. Must have rendered at least three (3) years of continuous service
- c. Must be currently handling LWDs in inclusive classes
- d. Must have obtained at least a Very Satisfactory performance rating (IPCRF) for the last two (2) rating periods
- e. Must not be currently a recipient of any other government-funded scholarship with service obligation
- f. Must not be currently enrolled in any graduate school program
- g. Must be physically and mentally fit to undertake graduate studies
- h. Must be willing to sign a Return Service Agreement

Documentary Requirements:

Applicants must submit the following documentary requirements:

- a. Updated Personal Data Sheet (PDS)
- b. Certified True Copy of IPCRF (last two rating periods)
- c. Service Record



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- d. Certification on current assignment as Receiving Teacher signed by School Head
- e. One-page Letter of Intent stating motivation and proposed contributions upon completion
- f. Endorsement from School Head and Schools Division Superintendent

5. The Schools Division Offices (SDOs), through their respective Division Scholarship Committees, with the assistance of the SGOD HRDS SEPS/EPS II and the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) Special Needs and Inclusive Education Focal Person, shall conduct the preliminary screening of applicants and submit the list of qualified scholars, together with the required documentary requirements, based on the allotted slots through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/fkzkdy55> on or before September 30, 2026.

6. The allotted number of scholarship program recipients per region is provided as follows:

Division	Allotted Number of Slots
Alaminos City	2
Batac City	2
Candon City	2
Dagupan City	2
Ilocos Norte	2
Ilocos Sur	2
La Union	2
Laoag City	2
Pangasinan I	2
Pangasinan II	2
San Carlos City	2
San Fernando City	2
Urdaneta City	2
Vigan City	2

7. For queries and other concerns, please contact NEAP R1 through (072) 682-23-21 or email at clmd.region1@deped.gov.ph.

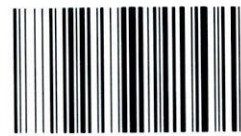
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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