

**Grantee Name:** Chicago Public Schools

**Project Name:** Bilingual Education Teacher Project (BETP)

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**Partner Districts/LEAs:** Chicago Public Schools District #299

The Bilingual Education Teacher Project's (BETP) goal is to alleviate the critical shortage of bilingual education and ESL teachers in Chicago Public Schools (CPS) by providing an alternative certification program for mid-career changers and recent college graduates that will culminate in participants earning an Illinois teaching certificate and Master's Degree in Elementary Education with endorsements in Bilingual education and ESL. The partners hope to recruit, train, and retain 120 high-qualified bilingual education and ESL teachers with four annual cohorts of 30 participants in CPS classrooms. BETP participants will be a cohort of the larger Chicago Teaching Fellows Program run by The New Teacher Project and managed by CPS' Human Resources Department. Participants will have a two year course of study through Dominican University and will be provided with ongoing professional development support coordinated by CPS' Office of Language and Cultural Education.