UCLA Partners in Excellence for Leadership in MCH Nutrition Education

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**MCHB Training Program Description**
The goal of this program is to develop leadership, advance scholarship and promote partnerships for the improvement of the nutritional health of mothers and children, including those with special needs and their families, especially in the West. This is accomplished by:

- Providing at least 4 scholarships per year to support nutrition graduate students at the partner institutions with an emphasis on leadership development.
- Contributing to the MCH nutrition knowledge base through research and publications.
- Supporting an annual leadership training and networking meeting of the 13-state Western MCH Nutrition Leadership Network for public health nutritionists. Also, coordinating an interactive website forum for discussion of MCH nutrition topics among Network members.
- Providing continuing education for personnel of Title V and related programs, especially those serving underrepresented communities, incorporating distance learning technology when appropriate.
- Serving as a local, regional and national MCH nutrition resource by providing technical assistance and consultation to Title V and other MCH programs.

**Trainee Recruitment**
Each year we have at least 4 trainees (students) funded by MCHB while they pursue a nutrition graduate degree at one of the Partner institutions. We are especially recruiting trainees who represent the culturally diverse maternal and child populations of the western United States. The ideal candidate will be a Registered Dietitian before completion of the traineeship and pursuing a Master’s degree or PhD.

Please refer potential trainees to any Partner or the website:

[www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu](http://www.mchnutritionpartners.ucla.edu)