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The East Carolina University Teacher Support Program (ECU TSP) is excited to announce the 2021-22 Intervener Cohort training opportunity! It is geared towards those currently working directly with learners with deaf blindness in intervener or instructional assistant positions.

Cohort participants will complete select Open Hands, Open Access (OHOA) Deaf-Blind Intervener online training modules to refine their work with supporting learners with deaf-blindness. ECU TSP will provide facilitator/mentor support to cohort members studying the OHOA modules throughout this school year as well as provide assistance with technology loans.

The cohort training will begin on September 8, 2021. You are encouraged to share this information with others who may be interested in obtaining national Intervener certification. Please respond by September 10, 2021. Contact Julie Brickhouse, ECU TSP Technical Consultant at [brickhousej17@ecu.edu](mailto:brickhousej17@ecu.edu) with questions.

Once cohort participants have completed the modules, they will be invited to participate in the National Intervener Certification ePortfolio (NICE) process. This work will lead toward submission of an ePortfolio for review for National Intervener Certification by the Para Center at the University of Colorado-Denver. Cohort members making sufficient progress toward national certification will submit their ePortfolio following the 2022-2023 school year.

Individuals interested in this free Intervener Cohort training should complete the survey available at: [https://ecu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_57kcIBVjvpXYTKC](https://ecu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_57kcIBVjvpXYTKC)

Thank you,

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