

Hispanic¹ Serving Institution (H.S.I.) PASO Summer Institute June 2020



“PASO aims to expand educational opportunities for and improve the academic attainment of Hispanic/Latino students. Through the Pathways to Academic Success & Opportunities project, CSUSM will address the achievement gap among its Latino students by implementing innovative student services, culturally relevant curriculum, and meaningful co-curricular offerings aimed at increasing retention and graduation rates specifically for this student group.”

– Provost Graham Oberem

What will we do in this Summer Institute?

This is a 3.5-day program in June. The main goal is for participants to enhance one or more courses to include more Chicano/Latino related content and assignments. Participants will also learn about pedagogical strategies that are proven to be successful for students of color, the 1.5 generation, and first-generation college students. In the mornings, the Institute will include guest speakers and workshops in the afternoon.

Specific themes include:

- Understanding the experiences of Latina and Latino students
- High Impact Practices related to students of color
- Validating Theory and Pedagogy
- Identifying Latinos and Latinas scholars by discipline

Who is leading the PASO Summer Institute?

Devan Romero, DrPH, is the Faculty Lead for the PASO program. She has expertise in mentoring diverse students and working to understand Health Disparities in vulnerable underserved communities. Collaborators who will help deliver curriculum for the PASO FLC will join Devan for an exciting summer of learning and discovery.

Who can apply?

Anyone, regardless of rank, who regularly teaches a course at CSUSM and who is interested in enhancing their course(s) with content and pedagogy related to Latinas and Latinos. Online, hybrid or face-to-face courses are welcome. Ideally the proposed course(s) would be required for the major or regularly in high demand. We will be aiming for a large community for the summer institute

What is the time commitment?

We will meet as a group for 3.5 days June 8-11th (Mon-Wed) 10am-2:30pm and Thurs 10 am-12pm. There will be a 30-minute Lunch break Monday through Wednesday.

¹ The federal government uses the term Hispanic but, as indicated throughout this document, there are numerous ways to describe people who originate from and whose heritage includes México, Central America, the Caribbean and Latin America.

What are the “deliverables”?

Participants will select a pre-selected course to apply culturally validated pedagogy. They will bring the syllabus and all relevant course materials to the institute and work daily to culturally validate their course. The final items required are a brief reflective report and evidence of completed objectives (e.g., revised assignment(s), new web content, new readings, revised syllabus). Participants will also share their results with the Faculty Center.

How will faculty be selected?

- Clearly articulated interest in wanting to enhance a course as part of the PASO FLC.
- We are striving to have participants across the colleges and disciplinary diversity.
- Available to meet for the 3.5 days in June

How will be faculty be compensated for their time?

\$500 will be compensated for teaching materials/supplies related to the goals of PASO (cannot be reimbursed or transferred to the dept to be used as professional development or for travel or as a paid stipend)

Application DUE 6/1

How to apply? Please Apply [Here](#)

Please email Devan to indicate you submitted an online form and for additional inquiries (dromero@csusm.edu).



PASO – The H.S.I. Grant

This year, our university was awarded a 5-year grant by the US Department of Education to increase the *Latino and Latina* retention and graduation rates. Our grant is called Pathways to Academic Success and Opportunities ([PASO](#)). Minerva Gonzalez is the PASO Project Director (minervag@csusm.edu). Part of the grant is devoted to developing **culturally validating academic & curriculum enhancements** related to Latino and Latino experiences, strengths, and voice. The H.S.I. / PASO Summer Institute Learning Community is one of the programs in the grant that is aiming for the creation of more cultural relevant curriculum.