

### **Advisory Boards for Reading Specialist**

The October 25, 2022 Advisory Board included 14 attendees representative of former and current students, instructors, and school partners. Former students reported high satisfaction with the program. The school partners reviewed the program design and content and provided positive feedback on the high quality of the program that meets the needs of schools. Attendees provided suggestions for program improvement, which included integrating more writing and adolescent literacy components into reading courses. A follow-up advisory board meeting was held on October 6, 2023 to discuss the program revisions and suggestions for improvement. 11 total participants attended the advisory board, representing department faculty members and leaders from five neighboring counties. The participants continued to praise the program for its rigor and substance, while suggesting improvements to include exposing students to state mandates related to dyslexia, introducing students to IPG process, and familiarizing students with individual learning plans for English Learners and students with dyslexia.