

## **What is RICA?**

RICA stands for Reading Instruction Competency Assessment. It was established as part of the California Reading Initiative “to ensure that candidates for Multiple-Subject Teaching Credentials and Education Specialist Instruction Credentials (special education) possess the knowledge and skills important for the provision of effective reading instruction to students.”

## **Intern Grant Program and the RICA Workshop**

The Intern Grant Program is pleased to sponsor the RICA preparation workshop for our credential students at Azusa Pacific University. This workshop is **free of charge** to students with intern credentials. For APU students who do not have an intern credential, the fee to attend the workshop is \$30, and \$60 for non-APU students.

It is highly recommended that students do not take the RICA exam until they have completed TEP 515 or 516 (teaching of reading). The best time to attend a preparation workshop is often 2–4 weeks before the exam. If you have yet to pass the RICA, we encourage you to consider attending this workshop.

**For more information about the RICA Workshop, workshop dates, or to register,** please contact Nicole A. Lee at (626) 387-5709 or [nlee@apu.edu](mailto:nlee@apu.edu).

## **RICA Resources**

Homepage: <http://www.rica.nesinc.com/>

Test Dates: [http://www.rica.nesinc.com/RC11\\_testdates.asp](http://www.rica.nesinc.com/RC11_testdates.asp)