

Collaborative Professional Education Project (CPEP)

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Purpose: The Collaborative Professional Education Project (CPEP) will provide an innovative approach to collaborative team education for approximately 175 preservice professionals. The program will provide advanced training and prepare professionals at the master's level, to improve outcomes for students with significant cognitive, physical, and sensory disabilities.

Method: Participants will be trained to be special educators, communication disorder specialists, vision specialists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists. The program will incorporate research-based curriculum and practices for serving children with significant and multiple disabilities, addressing special needs of children from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds through field experiences in settings provided by collaboration with state and local education agencies.