

# INDIAN TEACHER & EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL PROGRAM

(non-major support program)

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## **The Program**

Established in 1969, the Indian Teacher & Educational Personnel Program — known as “ITEPP” (eye-tep) — has grown to include Indian students in numerous academic disciplines, including the arts, humanities and social sciences, business and economics, child development and elementary education, communication and journalism, kinesiology and recreation administration, Native American studies and political science, social work and all majors preparatory to teaching.

ITEPP promotes Indian Self-Determination by developing learning communities that validate Tribal cultural values, facilitate academic success and foster a sense of self-efficacy among American Indian students, educators and other professionals.

ITEPP has three components:

### **Academic Options**

ITEPP students are encouraged to complete the American Indian Education minor, the Native American Studies minor, or a 15-unit pre-approved course of study encompassing relevant Native American issues.

### **Student Support Services**

ITEPP participants receive specialized academic and career advising, professional and peer mentoring, computer access and support, and tutoring services in a culturally appropriate homelike environment.

### **Curriculum Resource Center**

The Curriculum Resource Center offers books, journals, videos, and other curricular materials to support the study of tribal peoples. ITEPP staff assist students, teachers, and community members in developing curricula that promote cultural awareness and inclusion.

