

# INDIAN TRIBAL & EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL PROGRAM AND CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER

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## **Mission and Purpose**

The Indian Tribal & Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP) and the Cultural Resource Center (CRC) are the anchor programs of the Native American Center for Academic Excellence (NACAE). The ITEPP/CRC mission is to facilitate and promote academic success and self-efficacy for primarily American Indian students at Humboldt State University that validates Tribal cultural values, political status, and promotes the federal Indian policy of Indian Self-Determination.

ITEPP was established in 1969 as the Indian Teacher Education Project, the first and only program of its sort in the United States at the time. The program continues to support students in teacher preparation programs, but now also serves students across majors and disciplines including but not limited to: Native American studies, social work, psychology, kinesiology, child development, wildlife, business administration, and journalism.

The CRC was formally established in 1994 after growing informally through ITEPP over the decades. The CRC is a specialized collection committed to promoting the large body of American Indian knowledge, talent, scholarship, and research.

## **The Indian Tribal & Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP)**

ITEPP is HSU's designated primary academic support program for American Indian students. It is a learning community dedicated to Native American student academic and professional success. ITEPP staff delivers services to Native and other HSU students within a Native-centered framework. The ITEPP Club fosters student leadership, relationships across campus, and is an avenue for experiential learning. The ITEPP advisors provide academic advising, mentoring, and outreach tailored for the needs of each ITEPPer. The program staff sustains a strong network of students, graduates, and professionals to mentor ITEPP students through in all phases of academic, social, and professional success.

## **Cultural Resources Center (CRC)**

The CRC is a multimedia collection on, about, or authored by Native American peoples. This public-lending library is devoted to expanding the awareness of the state of Indian Country, Tribal communities, and American Indian peoples. The CRC raises this awareness by offering over 6,500 print, film, and audio resources focused on the breadth of Native social, political, cultural, and geographic experiences and truths. Its catalogue is searchable online through Library World. HSU students and faculty utilize the CRC to enhance their research, course delivery and publications. The nature of the CRC reflects the pedagogy, philosophies and formal constructs of Native knowledge and contributes to a positive academic experience for HSU Native students.

