

CTSP Center's Professional Development Opportunities

Hello, my name is Rick Peterson. I'm the Director of the Career Technical Special Populations Training and Resource Center here with Texas AgriLife Extension. Welcome to this webcast on Online Professional Development for CTE teachers.

As a career and technical education teacher who works with special populations, do you have questions about how to best serve special populations in your classroom and where to access special population professional development opportunities?

If so, the Career and Technical Special Populations Training and Resource Center is the place for you. The CTSP Center has several resources to aid you as you update and expand your teaching skills and practices for serving special populations. First, the CTSP Center has an educational resource library with over 2200 items for checkout to CTE teachers in Texas. These materials include books, curriculum guides, and multimedia resources that focus on a broad range of issues for serving special populations. Items in the resource library are searchable by topic or by key word. The time spent studying these materials can be used as self-study credit. Please refer to our self-study instruction guide off of our website to guide your self-study efforts.

The modules focus on providing you, the CTE teacher, with opportunities to enhance your teaching skills and practice to: work with special populations students in your program and classroom, collaborate on writing an Individualized Education Plan, teach strategies that engage the student, make modifications and accommodations in the areas of curriculum, classroom environment, and instructional aids, and to improve parental and community involvement. Simply register, enroll, take the online module, and when finished, print off your certificate; it's as easy as that. Please check out our newest module that focuses on CTE teachers' role in a transition ARD. All of our online modules provide continuing professional education credit as the CTSP Center is an approved continuing professional education provider by TEA.

You can check out our online modules at <http://ctspmodules.tamu.edu> or our other resources and other offerings at <http://ctsp.tamu.edu>.