



Low Incidence Disabilities- Teacher Preparation Initiative (LID-TPI)



**The Michigan Consortium for Teacher Endorsement For
Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Visual Impairment**



Student Data

Based on Fall 2012 Count

- Total Special Education Population-
211,368
 - Students with Hearing Impairment - 2898
 - Students with Visual Impairment - 820



Current Status of Programs

- **University Programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing**
 - **Stopped enrolling teacher preparation students**
 - MSU: 2012
 - EMU: 2013



Current Status of Programs

- **Programs for Visual Impairment**
 - EMU offers the only program in the state
 - WMU offers a blindness and low-vision studies program
 - It is not an approved teacher preparation program



Educator Shortage Areas

- **Michigan critical shortage areas include:**
 - Visual Impairment
 - Orientation & Mobility Specialist
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Low Incidence Disabilities

- Characteristics:
 - Not common or widespread
 - Require intensive, very specialized instruction and supports
 - Higher associated costs for educational services



Low Incidence Disabilities

- Teacher Preparation Programs for low incidence disabilities:
 - More specialized; more costly
 - Qualified faculty difficult to recruit



I.D.E.A. Requirements

States are to ensure an adequate supply of appropriately trained personnel, including:

- preparation
- recruitment
- retention



Michigan's response

- Diverse stakeholder group
 - Over 70 members represented
 - Universities
 - Agencies
 - School districts – LEAs & ISDs



Results of Collaboration

The Michigan Consortium for
Teacher Endorsement for Deaf
and Hard of Hearing and Visual
Impairment



The Michigan Consortium

- Multi-state
 - In & out of state university consortium of teacher preparation programs
 - includes schools and agencies
 - An on-line endorsement program for certified teachers to obtain an additional Michigan teaching endorsement
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Visual Impairment



The Program Structure

- Michigan host universities
 - Aquinas College
 - Western Michigan University
- Classes combinations
 - on-line
 - web conferencing
 - video conferencing, and
 - face-to-face meetings



Endorsement for D/HH

EPIs Out-of State

- Kent State University
- Minot State University
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Tennessee
- University of Nebraska-Omaha
- Utah State University
- Texas Woman's University

EPIs In-State

- Aquinas College (Host)
- Saginaw Valley State University



Endorsement for VI

EPIs Out-of-State

- University of Massachusetts-Boston
- University of Arizona
- University of Kentucky

EPIs In-State

- Western Michigan University (Host)
- Eastern Michigan University



The Role of MDE

The OSE will:

- Complete a final audit
 - Application packet
 - Student transcripts
 - Completion of the Plan of Study
 - Successful Practicum completion

The OPPS will:

- Check the Michigan Online Educator Certification System(MOECS)
- Check that MTTC test was complete
- Check that application has been paid through MOECS
- Add the endorsement to the teaching certificate



Classes are scheduled to begin...

Fall Semester 2013



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