

**POLICY: Professional Development**  
**ADOPTION DATE: 11-1-01**

Successful special education teachers engage in professional activities that benefit their colleagues, and the students/families that they are serving. The professional requirement in the department is designed to help students begin the professional development process. One way to fulfill the requirement is to join the Council of Exceptional Children. Membership dues are \$46 per year (2004 rate). Students will receive two professional journals (*Teaching Exceptional Children*; *Exceptional Children*) and be part of an active student organization in Utah. Included in this letter is an application form. Co Brunner will collect dues when the student picks up the fall semester add slip. To find out more about CEC, check the web site at <http://www.cec.sped.org/> Students may also participate in other organizations to fulfill this requirement. If students prefer this option, they must write a letter to the Undergraduate Committee indicating what professional organization they are active in and how the organization participates in professional development. The Undergraduate Committee will evaluate if the student professional organization fulfills the professional development requirements of the Special Education program.