KU Professionals for Disability (KUPD) was founded in 2002, through the efforts of graduate students within the University of Kansas, Department of Special Education. KUPD is open to all graduate students with an interest in the disability field.

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Act as Change Agents

BECOME CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE IN THE FIELD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

As KUPD members we work to gain awareness of the dynamic national and state policies that impact individuals and institutions. By increasing our understanding of emerging issues and trends we build our capacity to positively impact the field of special education together.

EVENTS
- Faculty moderated policy discussions
- Awareness campaigns
- Community involvement

Engage in Intellectual Stimulation

PARTicipate in activities that challenge and expand our thinking

As KUPD members we purposefully seek out opportunities to join scholarly conversations. Through practice we build our scholarly muscle to present new research findings, interpret current research literature, and understand where we could expand the conversation. By improving our abilities to communicate and write clearly we gain confidence in our contributions to the field of special education.

EVENTS
- Luncheon lecture discussions
- Fireside chats
- Research conference

Develop Cultural Awareness

FOSTER AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT OF DISABILITY

As KUPD members we actively seek to understand and promote awareness regarding issues relating to disabilities within our community. By gaining insight and appreciation for the cultural aspects of disability we increase our communities’ responsiveness and ability to support equality.

EVENTS
- University activities
- Community activities

Develop Relationships

DEVELOP LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH FELLOW DOCTORAL STUDENTS

As KUPD members we create connections that last far beyond our experience here at KU. By establishing strong relationships with fellow doctoral students and alumni we extend our network of colleagues and secure support after graduation.

EVENTS
- Social events
- Study groups
- Write-ins