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A preservice online training program in deafblindness is now available through Utah State University. Based on the National Intervener Competencies, the courses are designed to prepare paraprofessionals to work as interveners with children and youth who are deafblind. It can also be useful to teachers, parents, administrators, and adult service providers. This coursework won the 2007 Blackboard Greenhouse Exemplary Course Award, which recognizes it as one of the top ten online courses in the country. The following options are available to interested students:

- Option 1:** Students can take the training program in deafblindness that consists of two 4-semester credit hour classes to be offered in the Fall and the Spring. Tuition is \$211/credit hour with no out of state fees. Upon successful completion of the coursework, students will be awarded a certificate of completion from USU. These courses can also be taken for graduate credit.
- Option 2:** Students can take the two course training program on a no-credit basis for \$110/credit hour with no out of state fees. Upon successful completion of the coursework, students will receive a certificate of completion from USU.
- Option 3:** Students can take the coursework as part of an Associates Degree program in General Studies with a Focus in Deafblindness. This online program includes 30 semester hours of general education classes and 30 hours of coursework that includes the deafblind classes and other related topics. Tuition is \$211/credit hour with no out of state fees.

Anyone interested in participating in this training, please contact:

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