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## Stakeholder Training on Examination Practice and Procedure (STEPP)

The STEPP program gives participants insight into how examiners are taught to interpret an applicant's disclosure, what examiners must consider in preparing an office action, and how examiners are taught to use the Manual of Patent Examination and Procedure (MPEP) to make patentability determinations. Materials presented during the program are based on practice and procedure training delivered to examiners and other USPTO employees.

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- Participants can directly ask questions and receive answers from SMEs.
- Participants can interact directly with other office personnel.
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- Continuing Legal Education (CLE), including ethics, may be available.

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