The Mission
Faculty in the special education doctoral program prepare scholars and leaders for special education and related fields (e.g., deaf education) whose efforts enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities, their families, and disabled communities by promoting social justice and inclusivity.

Who are our Students?
- Students from the state, region, and the U.S.
- International students
- Traditional students, nontraditional students, and students with families
- Students who hold a master's degree in special education or related fields

What makes the Ph.D. in Special Education Program Unique?
- Interdisciplinary Pluralistic Perspectives
  - Special Education
    - Learning and Behavioral Disabilities
    - Severe Disabilities
    - Inclusive Education
    - Evidence-based Practices & Practice-based Evidence
  - Birth through Kindergarten Early Intervention
  - Deaf Education
    - Bilingual-Bimodal-Bicultural
  - Linguistics
    - Signed Language Linguistics & Crip Linguistics
  - Disability Studies
- Supportive, Flexible, Scholarly Learning Environment
- Foci on Research and Practice

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## Benefits of Earning a Ph.D. in Special Education

- Develop top level leadership skills in the field of special education
- Develop higher education teaching and coaching/supervising skills
- Hone skills in special education research
- Develop academic writing and grant writing skills

## Potential Careers for Ph.D. Graduates

- University faculty positions
- University and private organization research positions
- Consultant positions
- Special education leadership positions (e.g., district, school)
- Government agency positions
- Industry accessibility positions (e.g., technology access)
- Advocacy organization positions

*Note: Asterisk indicates employment of recent doctoral graduates.

## Faculty Highlights

- Direct federal (e.g., OSEP, IES, AERA) and state grants
- Conduct local, state, national, and international research
- Complete Fulbright international fellowships
- Publish through traditional (e.g., books, journals) and nontraditional (e.g., social media) outlets
- Keynote and present at international, national, and state conferences
- Serve as journal editors, associate editors, and/or review board members
- Lead national/international professional organizations
- Engage in federal legislation and policy development
- Consult in international, national, regional, state, and local capacities
- Receive research, teaching, and service awards

## Student Highlights

- Conduct research
- Publish in professional journals and books
- Present in local, state, and national professional conferences
- Advocate with elected officials in Washington, D.C.
- Teach undergraduate courses
- Coach and supervise pre- and in-service teachers
- Serve on national committees in professional organizations

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