



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Special Education Program

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.) IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
(60 credits)

This 60-credit degree program is designed for the college graduate who holds a master's degree in special education or a related area and who is interested in pursuing advanced studies in special education. This degree program prepares students for careers in educational leadership in higher education as teacher trainers, consultants, and researchers.

This post-master's degree program is individualized and emphasizes applied research, faculty-student mentoring, and the development of professional competencies such as writing for publication, college teaching, grant writing, and program administration.

**Doctoral Core (12 credits)**

SCHP 496	Doctoral Seminar in School Psychology	3
and/or		
SPED 490	Doctoral Seminar in Special Education	3

**Research Core (18 credits)**

Required:

EDUC 410	Univariate Statistical Models	3
EDUC 411	Multivariate Statistical Models	3

Other:

EDUC 408	Introduction to Statistics	3
EDUC 409	Analysis of Experimental Data	3
EDUC 461	Single-Subject Research Design	3
SCHP 473	Advanced Research Methods in Applied Psychology	1-3
SPED 495	Independent Study in Special Education	1-6

Other courses with approval of adviser.

**Special Education Major Core (15 credits)**

Choose from special education courses or independent studies in special interest areas with approval of adviser.

**Related Areas (9 credits)**

EDUC 471	Diversity and Multicultural Perspectives	3
Other courses with approval of adviser.		

**Apprenticeship (6 credits)**

Supervised mentored experiences such as college teaching, student teaching supervision, writing for publication, participation in research projects, presentations at national conferences, grant writing, or educational leadership in schools and community.

**To learn more about the program**

Visit [Special Education](#)

**Contact the Special Education Program Director**

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**Admission Requirements & Deadlines**

See: [Apply for Admission](#)

<http://coe.lehigh.edu/admissions/apply>

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