SPECIAL EDUCATION, ED.D.

The doctor of education (EdD) degree program is offered to provide competencies in professional development, administration and leadership. In preparing for any of these three professional activities, EdD students usually specialize in one of the fields within special education; they are also expected, however, to acquire broad-based information across the spectrum of exceptional children and youth.

Prerequisites for admission to doctoral work in special education are an earned MA degree in special education (or a related area) and three years of appropriate experience, defined as three years of work in agencies serving children and youth, one year of which must have been spent in direct, full-time interaction with exceptional children. Graduate faculty members individually evaluate and collectively discuss admission applications.