



EDUCATIONAL STUDIES (PHD) - SPECIAL EDUCATION

Description

The focus of the Ph.D. program in Educational Studies is to prepare scholars for leadership roles in teaching, research, and program supervision and development.

The emphasis is upon the generation of new knowledge or the reformulation of existing knowledge as a basis for the development of educational theory through research efforts. The test of knowledge is on the possible contribution to the development of educational theory, but you will also develop skills to improve educational practice.

All applicants for the doctoral program in special education are required to discuss their professional goals/interests with at least one faculty member in the department and secure faculty sponsorship before admission is awarded.

Program-Related Information

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Program Website

<https://cehs.unl.edu/secd/educational-studies-phd/>

Applying for Admission

Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.
If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.
When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.
- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).

- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

Additional requirements specific to this program

- Minimum English proficiency: Internet TOEFL (<http://www.toefl.org/>) 80, IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>) 6.5
- Entrance exam(s): GRE (<http://www.ets.org/gre/>)
- Resume/CV
- Personal Statement: Personal/professional goals.
- Writing Sample: Statement of writing or research.
- Faculty: The SECD Advisor Agreement Form (<https://cehs.unl.edu/sites/unl.edu/cehs/files/media/file/Advisor%20Support%20Agreement%20Revised%2022Nov24.docx>) (or an equivalent memo directly from the advisor), with all affirmative responses and a faculty member signature, is required before a student can be admitted to this program.
- Research Interest
- Three recommendation letters
- Assistantship: To be considered for an assistantship, 1) check the appropriate boxes in the Funding section of the admission application's Additional Information page and 2) complete the SECD Graduate Assistantship Application (<https://cehs.unl.edu/secd/graduate-assistantship-application-form-special-education/>).

Admission Application Deadlines

- To be considered for priority funding, apply by December 1 for the Fall term.

Requirements

Hours required: 90