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Special Education

The Ph.D. program in Special Education is an interdisciplinary program that brings together scholars from education of children and adults with special needs, rehabilitation sciences, disability studies, and neuroscience. The mission of the Ph.D. program is to provide leadership personnel in academic, research, and clinical settings concerned with the scientific study of human development and everyday life of individuals with special needs. Current research projects focus on inclusive education of children with disabilities, assessment and intervention of individuals with learning disabilities, monolingual and bilingual language impairment, autism, empowerment and equal rights for people with disabilities, neurorehabilitation, among others. While it is our goal to provide students with individualized programs to meet their academic and career objectives, we also believe that all students need a basic understanding of theories and research methods across fields of specialization. In addition to the coursework, students acquire relevant research skills and knowledge by participating in various research workshops and by joining faculty members' research groups.