

# The Ohio State University

## Special Education Ph.D. Program

### Graduate Programs

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  - Applied Behavior Analysis

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### PHILOSOPHY

The doctoral program at Ohio State prepares leadership personnel for special education whose research and teaching are guided by the philosophical, scientific, and technological principles of applied behavior analysis. Graduates of our program will be prepared to enhance services for children with disabilities, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Graduates will be able to integrate research, professional practice, and teaching as interrelated areas of scholarship. In order to achieve this objective students take an intensive curriculum of required and elective courses, special topic seminars, research activities, summer internships, college teaching experiences, and non-credit-earning requirements (e.g., co-advising masters students' thesis research, conference presentations, writing for publication) develops each student's knowledge and skills in six competency areas: (1) conceptual analysis, (2) research, (3) design and application of educational interventions, (4) professional communication, (5) administration and collegial relations, and (6) teaching and advising.

### ADMISSION CRITERIA

To be considered for admission an applicant must: (1) have a strong academic background (i.e., gpa, Graduate Record Exam, and recommendation letters from previous faculty), (2) hold a masters degree in special education or a closely related discipline (e.g., adaptive physical education, psychology), (3) have at least 3 years professional experience serving the educational needs of individuals with disabilities, (4) be willing to commit to an intensive 3-year program of full-time study, and (5) have the desire to obtain a leadership position in special education.

### ADMISSION PROCESS

The faculty is committed to actively recruiting qualified individuals to the program including those with disabilities and persons from underrepresented groups. Persons wishing to pursue any area of graduate study at The Ohio State University must apply to the Graduate School. Completed applications are then forwarded to the specific program area for review. Applicants with the strongest credentials, most relevant experience, and career goals that best match our program's curriculum and purposes are invited for a campus visit and interview with faculty and current students. An application will not be complete until it includes: (1) a letter of intent, (2) a curriculum vita, (3) official transcripts of all previous college work, (4) three letters of reference, and (5) official scores from

the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International students are also required to successfully take the TOEFL or MELAB tests and submit an Affidavit of Financial Support. We admit one cohort of doctoral students each year, and all doctoral students begin their programs of study in Autumn Quarter. December 1 is the application deadline to be considered for admission the following Autumn Quarter.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The faculty's commitment to fulltime doctoral study also includes a strong effort to secure financial support for doctoral students. Special education doctoral students are typically supported either by a U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs training grant or a Graduate Research/Teaching Associate position. Both types of support provide a full tuition waiver plus a monthly stipend of approximately \$1,000. Students complete program responsibilities (e.g., student teaching supervision, teaching assistantship, administrative assistance) that require 20 hours per week of their time. Students may also apply for additional financial aid through the Student Financial Aid Office <http://sfa.osu.edu/>

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

You can access an application materials at: <http://ehe.osu.edu/paes/gradapply>. Questions about the application process or the status of your application should be addressed to the Office of Student Services, E-mail: [paes@osu.edu](mailto:paes@osu.edu), phone: 614-292-6787).

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the program further, please feel free to contact Dr. Ralph Gardner by e-mail ([gardner.4@osu.edu](mailto:gardner.4@osu.edu)) or by telephone (614-292-3308).

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