



# DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

*Illinois State University*



## DOCTORAL PROGRAM

### COURSES OFFERED ON CAMPUS IN NORMAL, IL

**“Do you have your Master’s Degree and want to further your education while still working?”**

**“Have you worked in the field of special education or a related field for at least 2 years?”**

The ISU Special Education Doctoral Program is designed to prepare leaders in the field of special education in higher education or school districts. Completion of the program leads to a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) terminal degree from Illinois State University. For additional program information, go to [http://education.illinoisstate.edu/edd\\_sed/](http://education.illinoisstate.edu/edd_sed/)

Graduate tuition rates can be found at <http://studentaccounts.illinoisstate.edu/tuition/graduate.php>

#### **Program Format**

Courses first three years (fall, spring, and summer semesters)

Independent studies include professional practices in college teaching and research

15 hours of elective coursework in an area of interest

Comprehensive examination and dissertation during remaining years

#### **Program Requirements**

Doctoral candidates must complete a minimum of 75 credit hours including:

23 hours of core coursework

37 hours of specialized coursework (includes 15 hours of electives)

15 hours of dissertation coursework

#### **Application Information**

[http://education.illinoisstate.edu/edd\\_sed/admissions/](http://education.illinoisstate.edu/edd_sed/admissions/)

Your application will include: Cover letter, Resume, Two essays explaining interest in program with career goals and research interests in field of special education, Three recommendation letters, Official transcripts from all previous institutions, GRE scores, and \$50 non-refundable application fee.

"The Special Education Doctoral Program at ISU challenges me, supporting my growth as a student and as an educator. Through the support of faculty, I have become a consumer of knowledge and an effective writer. This experience has deepened my passion for special education."

*Chris Vehlow, M.S.*

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