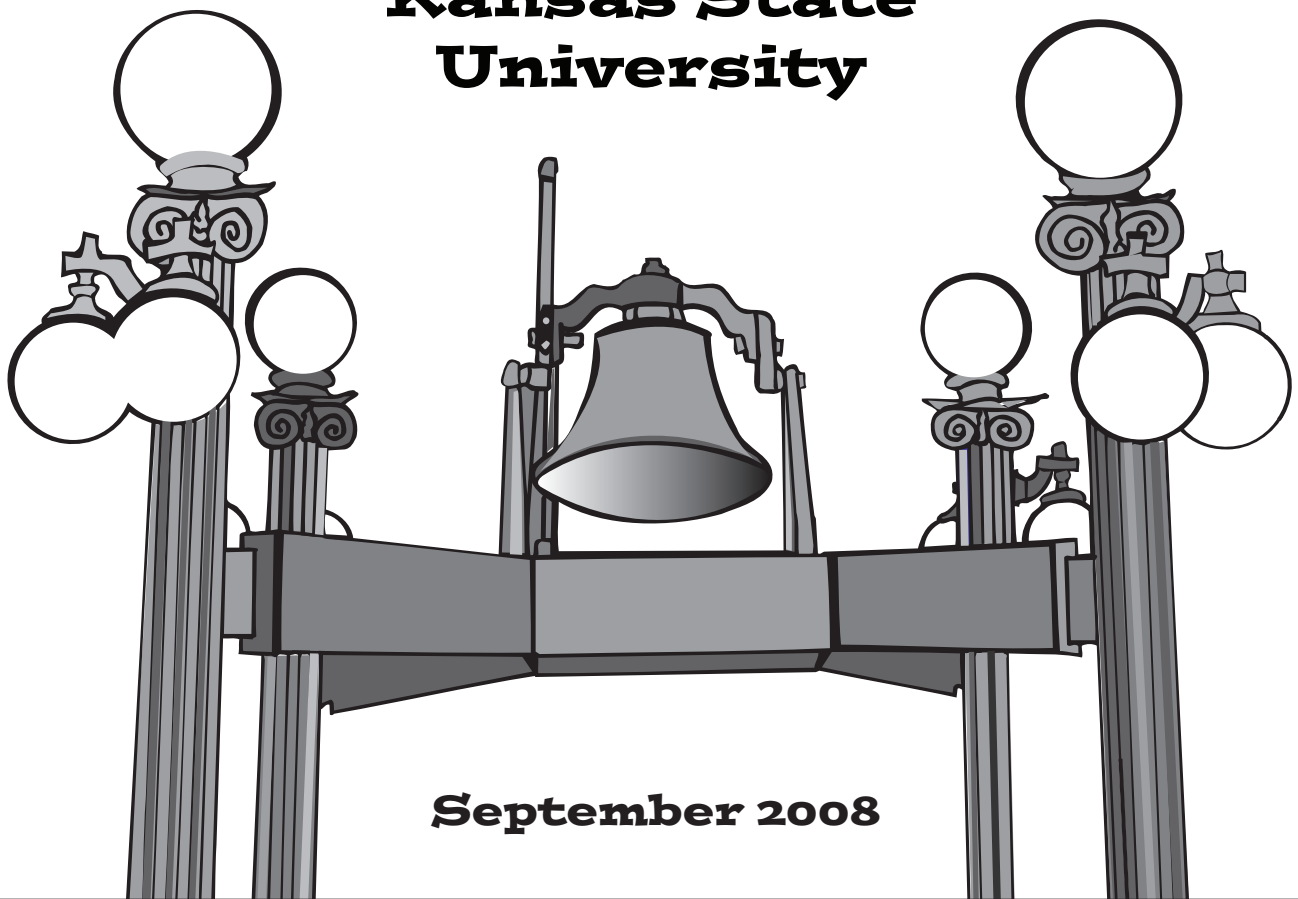


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The mission of the Department of Special Education, Counseling, and Student Affairs is

- To prepare knowledgeable, ethical, caring decision makers for students with special educational needs in the context of diverse and inclusive social groups, communities, families, and students.
- To prepare specialists to serve students and families with specific educational needs through:
 - a) assessment and intervention
 - b) leadership and collaboration
 - c) clinical application, research, and practice

This is the conceptual framework which guides our planning and activities and undergirds the Outcome Statements which define our program.

Admission to graduate study is granted by the dean of the Graduate School upon the recommendation of the faculty in the graduate program. To be considered for admission into the degree program the applicant must meet the following requirements.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The **Special Education** faculty have set the following minimum requirements for admission into this program:

- a. A completed Graduate School application. The application materials may be obtained from the Office of Graduate Studies- address on the following page, or online at <http://www.k-state.edu/grad/gsprospective/apply/>
- b. A statement of objectives which includes:
Your reasons for seeking this degree; your intended area of specialization within the program; any research interests; past and present employment; and future professional plans. If you have a request for a certain advisor, indicate that preference in the statement of objectives.
- c. A description of relevant professional experience within education or related fields.
- d. Appropriate undergraduate major similar to K-State's from an accredited institution.
- e. A master's degree in Special Education or related field.

- f. Two OFFICIAL transcripts from the institution awarding your bachelor's degree and two OFFICIAL transcripts from all institutions at which any graduate credits were completed. *Copies that are stamped "issued to student" cannot be accepted.* (If you have credits from KSU, we can obtain a copy of the KSU transcript at no cost to you)
- g. Average or higher scores on each subpart (verbal, quantitative, writing) on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination. Those with one or more scores below the 50th percentile may be considered for probationary admission if there is credible evidence for success such as a strong academic record.
- h. Three letters of recommendation from college or university educators and/or colleagues or supervisors. The people who complete the recommendation letters should mail them directly to the Office of Graduate Studies.
- i. An interview with faculty for the purpose of learning about the applicant's interest and compatibility with the programs offered in the department. Once the department receives the complete application folder from the Office of Graduate Studies, someone from the department will contact the applicant to schedule an interview.
- j. Graduate School Application Fee
 - Domestic Students** A \$40 application fee is required for all domestic students; ***your application will not be processed without this fee.*** Please make a check out to the KSU Graduate School, and include it with your application. If you are applying online, you may pay by credit card.
 - International Students** A \$55 application fee is required; ***your application will not be processed without this fee.*** Please pay with an *international cashier's check or money order* (in U.S. funds) to the KSU Graduate School, and include it with your application. We cannot accept cash or personal checks from international students. If you are applying online, you may pay by credit card.

The application materials are to be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies NOT the department.

Office of Graduate Studies
College of Education
18 Bluemont Hall
1100 Mid-Campus Drive
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-5301
785-532-5595
coegrads@ksu.edu

Application Deadlines. Although the College of Education accepts applications throughout the year, the following deadlines are established to allow the faculty adequate time to review the completed application. Failure to meet the deadline could delay admission to the program.

Domestic Students

Fall semester — March 1
Spring semester — October 1
Summer semester — February 1

International Students

Fall semester — February 1
Spring semester — August 1
Summer semester — December 1

For more information about requirements for this degree, contact:

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Non-Degree Status ("Special Student"). In some cases, a student may wish to take a course prior to being admitted in a degree program. In these cases, a person must be admitted for non-degree status (often referred to as a “special student”).

No more than nine credit hours earned as a non-degree student may be applied for an advanced degree if the student is later admitted to a degree program. It is to the student's advantage to apply for admission into the degree program as soon as possible after deciding to pursue a degree.

Ed.D. Procedures Handbook. Once admitted, students should obtain this handbook from the Office of Graduate Studies in the College of Education. The handbook includes information and guidelines about the supervisory committee, the program of study, the preliminary exam, the dissertation, and the final oral defense of the dissertation.

Graduate Assistantships. A limited number of graduate assistantships are available in the College of Education. Access www.educ.ksu.edu/grad/assistantships.htm for detailed information. Contact the Office of Graduate Studies for an application. Assistantships are commonly available for the academic year (fall and spring semesters). Completed graduate assistant applications must be sent by April 1 to each department for which the applicant would like to be considered. It is helpful to talk with the appropriate department chair to find out specifics of the assistantships available in the department.

Financial Aid. Questions about financial assistance should be directed to the Student Financial Assistance Office, 104 Fairchild Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506, 785-532-6420, finaid@ksu.edu

Major Professor and Supervisory Committee

Once admitted to the program, an advisor (often called the major professor) is assigned. In consultation with the major professor, the student selects three additional graduate faculty members, whose interests support the student's work, to serve on the supervisory committee. The student's supervisory committee must have at least one member from another discipline. The supervisory committee guides the student in the development of a program of study (described later) and in the formulation of research and clinical experiences. Once the student successfully completes the preliminary examination (described later) and is admitted to candidacy, an additional faculty member is appointed by the Graduate School to chair the oral defense of the student's doctoral dissertation

ED.D. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 94 semester hours beyond the baccalaureate degree is required, including the following. (Up to 30 graduate hours earned as part of a Master's degree may be used to satisfy the following requirements with the approval of the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate School.)

1. Area of Emphasis (48 hours)

2. Foundations (12 hours)

For each category, take the course listed or its equivalent.

a *Techniques and Interpretation of Educational Research*

EDCEP 816 Research Methods

b *Historical and Philosophical Analysis of Educational Ideas and Practice*

EDADL 886 Seminar: Historical and Philosophical Analysis of Education

c *Social Science Explanations of Educating a Diverse Society*

EDCIP 910 Multicultural Curriculum Programming

d *Behavioral Bases of Educational Thought and Practice*

EDCEP 912 Psychological Bases of Educational Thought and Practice

3. Research Courses (6 hours)

Research courses concerning methodology consistent with that required for the dissertation.

Two courses typically used to meet research expectations include:

EDCEP 817 Statistical Methods in Education

EDCEP 917 Experimental Design in Educational Research

4. Clinical Experience (12 Hours)

Objectives, activities, and outcomes for this clinical experience/internship are commonly determined by the major professor (advisor), in consultation with the student.

5. Dissertation Research (16 hours)

Completion of a dissertation which treats an important topic of professional education practice using a systematic methodology consistent with accepted research paradigms; the dissertation must be successfully defended in a public, oral defense. The dissertation work is closely supervised by the major professor with the guidance of the supervisory committee.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FACULTY

For more information on this program, contact any of the following faculty members.

Graduate Faculty	Phone No.	Research and Teaching Interests
Timothy Frey <i>tfrey@ksu.edu</i>	785-532-5900	On-line learning in teacher education and Professional Development, the impact of teacher education on K-12 students with special needs, and utilizing educational technology in special education for students with mild/moderate disabilities, instructional design, high incidence disabilities (EBD, LD, MR), social skills instruction.
Marilyn Kaff <i>mkaff@ksu.edu</i>	785-532-5901	Impact of educational policy decisions at the federal, state, and local level on special educators and students with disabilities (K-16), teacher education/professional development, students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, college students with disabilities.
Ann Knackendoffel <i>aknacke@ksu.edu</i>	785-532-5818	Learning disabilities, collaboration between teachers, learning strategies, students with attention deficit disorder, UDL (Universal Design for Learn, differentiated instruction, collaboration/teaming problem solving..
James Teagarden <i>mrt@ksu.edu</i>	785-532-5923	Proactive assessment procedures for children with behavioral concerns, functional behavioral assessment process, role of positive behavior supports for behavior-disordered children, classroom and behavior management, aggressive and violent behavior, emotional behavior disorders, classroom management, applied behavioral analysis, social skill instruction.
Linda P. Thurston <i>lpt@ksu.edu</i>	785-532-6943	Behavior management, applied behavior analysis, parent and family life skills, gender issues, rural and poverty, distance education
Warren White <i>wwhite@ksu.edu</i>	785-532-6349	Mental retardation, adult adjustment, vocational planning, training and transition,