

SPECIAL EDUCATION, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	54 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	27 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations In addition to required coursework, students must pass a qualifying examination, preliminary examination, dissertation, and final oral committee examination.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Special Education Core/Seminars		
RP & SE 871	Foundations of Special Education	3
RP & SE 872	Seminar in Special Education Research	3
RP & SE 710	Multicultural Issues in Special Education	3
<i>Seminars</i>		
Students must complete at least 9 credits of additional seminar coursework. Courses are selected in consultation with faculty advisor. Typically, students fulfill this requirement with courses numbered 600 and above with the Grad 50% attribute. Additional RP & SE seminar courses may fulfill requirement, including those listed below.		9
RP & SE 660	Special Topics (Chosen in consultation with faculty advisor)	
RP & SE 715	Equity and Full Participation for Individuals with Significant Disabilities	
RP & SE 855	Cultural-Historical Activity Theory	
RP & SE 875	Mixed Methods Inquiry in Disability, Education and Related Research	

Breadth

Students must choose courses in consultation with faculty advisor. 9

Research Design and Statistics

Students must complete the following courses. Students must complete at least an additional 6 credits of coursework in this category chosen in consultation with faculty advisor. 15

ED PSYCH 760	Statistical Methods Applied to Education I
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II
RP & SE/ COUN PSY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ ELPA 719	Introduction to Qualitative Research

Internships

Complete 6 credits of the following: 6

RP & SE 941	Internship: Research
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RP & SE 942	Internship in Postsecondary Teaching	
Dissertation		
Complete 6 credits of the following:		6
RP & SE 990	Research or Thesis	
Total Credits		54