

Project LEAD

Doctoral Preparation in Special Education

Project LEAD is a federally funded project for preparing leaders in supporting students with disabilities in high need schools in gaining access to the general curriculum.

Participants receive preparation and practical experience in five competency areas:

- disability law and educational policy,
- improving student outcomes through research and data-based decisions,
- collaborative practices between general and special educators,
- universal design for learning (UDL), and
- service learning

Project LEAD offers students opportunities to:

- a) Collaborate with faculty across the College of Education
- b) Work with high need school districts to design and implement critical research and programs
- c) Engage with national experts who are conducting research and shaping policy in the field of special education



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In the LEAD doctoral program, students participate in:

- Advanced courses and seminars across the five competency areas
- Research promoting access for students with disabilities
- Seminar engaging national experts in the field in discussion of critical topics in special education
- Internships & Traineeships offering collaboration with high need school districts, completion of service-learning projects, experience in grant writing, and teaching university courses
- Participation in the preparation of future teachers

Project LEAD offers a unique opportunity to prepare leaders through doctoral preparation. Students graduating from the Department of Special Education at the University of Illinois are highly sought after by top programs around the country. Create extraordinary opportunities for your future by joining the Project LEAD cohort.

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