Special Education
Our Students

- SPED undergraduate and graduate students include
  - Traditional students mostly from Illinois
  - First generation students
  - Non-traditional students
  - Veterans
  - International Student
What We Do

• Undergraduate major in special education

• Program completers qualify for the State of Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) with the Learning Behavior Specialist I endorsement

• Prepares students to work with infants and toddlers with disabilities

• Coursework toward the Early Childhood Special Education approval
What We Do

• Masters degree in special education

• Behavioral Emphasis prepares students for the assessment, design, and implementation of group or individualized behavior interventions

• Curriculum Emphasis prepares students for the adaptation of academic content to meet the educational needs of students

• Early Childhood Emphasis provides advanced study in the education of infants and toddlers identified with a disability or developmental delay
What We Do

• Ph.D. in Education

• The purpose of the concentration in Special Education is to development students’ knowledge and skills in research and special education in order to prepare them to serve in a leadership position in a school, college, university, research setting, or human service agency.
Our Faculty

**Dimitris Anastasiou**

Specific learning disabilities, writing performance, philosophical approaches to disability and politics of special education

**Deborah Bruns**

Effective practices in early childhood special education, addressing feeding difficulties in young children and developing a profile of care and interventions for children with low incidence trisomy conditions including trisomy 18, trisomy 13 and trisomy 9

**Michael E. May**

Severe disabilities, biological and environmental interactions, functional analysis of problem behavior, parent training, program and staff development