Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University is celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW

Saint Louis University’s professional program in special education is designed to provide individuals with skills in policy development and/or expanded knowledge in specific disability areas including behavior disorders, early childhood special education, intellectual disability, and learning disabilities.

Ph.D.: Saint Louis University’s Doctor of Philosophy degree program emphasizes the tools of research and the interplay of theory and practice in education. The degree requires the completion of 30 credit hours of coursework, 12 hours of dissertation research, a comprehensive written examination, an oral examination/proposal defense, and a public presentation and defense of the dissertation.

Candidates wishing to enter the Ph.D. program must have a master’s degree in education or a related field and complete six credit hours of graduate research coursework as a prerequisite for the doctoral program. If the student does not have some or all of these credit hours, he or she may take these hours during the doctoral program in addition to the program coursework.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

FALL | July 1 | May 1
SPRING | Nov. 1 | Oct. 1
SUMMER | April 1 | Feb. 1

Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

DEGREES & PROGRAMS

• Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• Application form and fee (if applicable)
• Transcript(s)
• Three letters of recommendation
• GRE scores or other graduate entry exam
• Résumé or curriculum vitae
• Professional l statement
• (international students) TOEFL or IELTS
• (international students) SLU writing exam upon admission

ADMISSION CRITERIA

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In the spirit of the Jesuit tradition of education, the special education program is committed to providing students with:

- Individualized academic experiences that focus on their specific content area of intellectual interest.
- In-depth preparation in both pedagogical and research skills to apply theory to practice.
- Opportunities to address social and moral issues related to education, especially in urban settings.

Career Paths:
Possible career paths include curriculum coordinator, teacher educator, educational outreach coordinator, nonprofit specialist, special educator and adult educator.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students may apply for graduate assistantships. Assistantship information and application forms are available on the School of Education webpage, in the financial aid section. Please contact student financial services for more information on financial aid.