Joint Doctoral Program in Special Education

The Doctoral Program in Special Education, offered jointly by San Francisco State University and the University of California, Berkeley, culminates in a Ph.D. degree. The program draws on the strengths of both universities in developing leaders and research specialists in the field of special education.

Students select an area of academic specialization in both special and general education. Faculty and program resources on the two campuses are used to develop advanced knowledge of theory and research in an area of exceptionality. Specializations include human development; language and literacy; bilingualism; technology; educational policy and administration; early childhood; mild/moderate disabilities; moderate/severe disabilities; autism; vision impairments; deafness and deaf education; and other areas selected by students in consultation with faculty advisers. In the program students develop three areas of emphasis or specialization.

Courses are taken on both university campuses, and faculty are drawn from both institutions.

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