The School of Education proudly unveils its redesigned Ph.D. program in Special Education. This research-intensive degree prepares leaders in the field of Special Education to bring systemic change to educational and community settings in ways that improve equity for children and youth with disabilities and their families.

“Students will be well prepared to offer outstanding leadership, answer critical research questions and to creatively lead teacher preparation programs into the future.” – Dr. Kimber Wilkerson, Chair, RPSE Department

The program prepares graduates to address pressing issues in the field including:

- Increasing equity across diverse groups of students
- Improving post-school outcomes for individuals with disabilities
- Enhancing teacher efficacy, instruction, and advocacy on behalf of students with disabilities

Faculty research interests reflect a focus on advanced research methods, adolescence, transition and vocational education, and diversity and equity issues in the field of Special Education. The program nurtures outstanding researchers and leaders who will advance new knowledge related to the education and rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. Funding options include: guaranteed assistantship positions for some qualified applicants (includes tuition remission and stipend), and an application process for additional teaching/project assistant positions and scholarships.

The program is seeking applicants for the class of fall 2015. See: [http://is.gd/K44kN7](http://is.gd/K44kN7) and [http://is.gd/F8oPai](http://is.gd/F8oPai)

"The level of individual mentoring and research experiences I received from my advisor and other faculty members was instrumental in my development as a researcher. During my program I was able to secure the research, teaching, and service experiences I needed to prepare me for the faculty role I am in today."

– Dr. Carly Roberts, Assistant Professor, Purdue University