



The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Preparing Interdisciplinary Practitioners for Working with Young Children with Autism who have High Intensity Needs and Their Families



This interdisciplinary program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, draws on resources and faculty expertise from the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences within the Department of Allied Health Sciences in the UNC School of Medicine, the School of Education, the Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children (TEACCH) program, the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, and the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Special Program Features:

- Graduate programs of study that lead to master's degrees in Speech-Language Pathology or M.EdX in Education - Early Childhood Intervention and Family Support (Birth – Kindergarten licensure).
- Specialized Interdisciplinary Courses focused on autism, early intervention, early symbolic communication intervention for children with high-intensity needs, and working with families and teams.
- Clinical experiences using an evidence-based process in working with young children who have autism spectrum disorder and high-intensity needs and their families
- TEACCH training focused on fundamentals of ASD plus free attendance at the annual TEACH conference
- Travel monies to attend a professional conference



Stipend: All funded project scholars will receive stipend support to assist with in-state tuition costs for the duration of their master's programs.

Application Information:

In order to apply, students must first be accepted into the master's programs in SLP or ECIFS at UNC-Chapel Hill. Applications for the SLP program are due by December 15 and applications for the M.EdX – ECIFS strand are due by February 12 for ECIFS students to begin the program in May.

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