Doctoral Level Interdisciplinary Preparation in Teaching, Research and Service Focused on Young Children with Autism and Their Families

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services.

This interdisciplinary program draws on the resources and expertise from the Divisions of Speech and Hearing Sciences and Occupational Science within the School of Medicine; Early Childhood, Families and Literacy Studies Program in the School of Education, Program in Developmental Psychology and the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute.

Special program features:

**Distinguished Grant Faculty**
- Grace Baranek, PhD, Occupational Science
- Harriet Boone, PhD, Early Childhood, Families, and Literacy Studies
- Elizabeth Crais, PhD, Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Sam Odom, PhD, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute
- J. Steven Reznick, PhD, Developmental Psychology
- Linda Watson EdD, Speech and Hearing Sciences

**Four Interdisciplinary Courses and Seminars**
1. Translational Research in Autism
2. Teaching and Professional Development
3. Research Design and Grant Writing
4. Autism Research Project Development

**Specialized Research and Teaching Apprenticeships**
With faculty who are leaders in the field of autism

**Bimonthly Research Seminars**
Research presentations by grant faculty, area experts and doctoral students.

**Student Support**
Yearly Stipend of $14,000, In-state Tuition Support and Health Insurance, Travel and other types of support. Out-of-state tuition is typically provided through each participating department.

Application Information

Students must first be accepted into doctoral studies in one of the participating doctoral programs. Application information can be obtained from one of the following websites:

Speech and Hearing Sciences  http://www.med.unc.edu/ahs/sphs
Occupational Science  http://www.med.unc.edu/ahs/ocsci
Early Childhood Education  http://soe.unc.edu/academics/phd_ed_ecfl
Developmental Psychology  http://www.unc.edu/depts/devpsych