This interdisciplinary program draws on resources and faculty expertise from the Divisions of Speech and Hearing Sciences and Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy within the UNC School of Medicine. It also draws from the Applied Developmental Sciences and Special Education Program in the UNC School of Education. The faculty also work closely with researchers from the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities, and the UNC TEACCH Autism Program, as well as many community partners.

**Special Program Features**

**Four courses and seminars**

1. Translational research, implementation science, and community engagement
2. Teaching and professional development
3. Research methods in appraisal, development and implementation of evidence-based practices
4. Grant writing

**Specialized research, teaching, implementation science, and community-engagement apprenticeships**

With faculty who are leaders in the fields of: autism spectrum disorder, hearing loss, literacy, and/or family-and culturally guided practice.

**Special focus on high-need children** who are living in poverty, are far below grade level, are poor or at-risk readers, are from a minority racial or ethnic group, and/or are dual-language learners.

**Yearly stipend** of $19,000, in-state tuition support, travel support, and health insurance.

**Application Information**

Students must first be accepted into one of the three participating doctoral programs. For more information, contact:

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