

Board Meeting  
November 14, 2013

ELIMINATE THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION,  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Eliminate the Doctor of Education in Special Education, College of Education and the Graduate College

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Education and the Graduate College to eliminate the Doctor of Education in Special Education.

Over the past five years graduate students consistently apply seeking the Doctor of Philosophy rather than the Doctor of Education in Special Education. As a result of the Doctoral Student Assessment and the Department of Special Education's careful study of student applications and progress toward degree indicators, the College has proposed to eliminate the degree.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.