

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN REHABILITATION SCIENCES, D.SC.

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Program Description

The Doctor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences (D.Sc.) program prepares occupational therapists and physical therapists to be effective, responsible, and reflective members of interprofessional teams in their areas of specialization and to be innovative leaders in practice. The program currently focuses on pediatric services with an emphasis on leadership in early intervention and school-based practice. This program is available using distance education technology and a web-based learning platform. Only one trip to campus is required.

Cost

Students may expect additional costs that include, but are not limited to, a personal computer, textbooks, lab fees, insurance, and supplies. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. For financial aid information, contact the **Financial Aid Office** at (405) 271-2118.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the prescribed courses and to pay tuition and fees at the time designated by the Bursar's Office. Details regarding tuition/fee charges and collection are available from the Bursar's Office.

Admission Requirements and Procedure

- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended must be submitted. Applicants who have previous coursework from colleges or universities outside of the United States or who are international/non-US citizens are required to have all transcripts/mark sheets processed through World Education Services (WES) (<http://www.wes.org/>) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) (<http://www.ece.org/ECE/>).
- A one-page career goal statement which includes a description of how the applicant expects the program to assist in meeting career goals is required. The admissions committee will consider the quality of the statement, the compatibility of the applicant's career goals with those of the program, and the availability of faculty with expertise in the applicant's area(s) of interest. The career goals statement must include a description of the area(s) of specialization in which the applicant is interested.
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can describe the applicant's potential for success in a doctoral-level program.

Submit a completed online application (<http://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/>) by April 1 for summer admission.

General Degree Requirements

Student's Highest Degree - BS

Code	Title	Hours
Core courses		
RS 8133	Rehabilitation Sciences I	3
RS 8233	Rehabilitation Sciences II	3
RS 5143	Research Methods In Rehabilitation Sciences	3
RS 8153	Clinical Reasoning and Instruction	3
RS 5970	Seminar In Rehabilitation Sciences	1
Graduate level statistics courses, (from another department or university)		6
Specialization courses		
No course is specifically required. Students develop an individualized plan of study with advisors, considering previous coursework and experience, to earn the required number of credits. Please note all AHS and RS courses except those listed under other categories are considered specialization courses.		24
RS 8430	Doctoral Thesis	6
Cognate (graduate level courses in an outside area)		9
Electives (in any of the above areas except the doctoral thesis)		9
Total Hours		67

Student's Highest Degree - MOT/MPT/DPT

Code	Title	Hours
Core courses		
RS 8133	Rehabilitation Sciences I	3
RS 8233	Rehabilitation Sciences II	3
RS 5143	Research Methods In Rehabilitation Sciences	3
RS 8153	Clinical Reasoning and Instruction	3
RS 5970	Seminar In Rehabilitation Sciences	1
Graduate level statistics courses, (from another department or university)		6
Specialization courses		
No course is specifically required. Students develop an individualized plan of study with advisors, considering previous coursework and experience, to earn the required number of credits. Please note all AHS and RS courses except those listed under other categories are considered specialization courses.		24
RS 8430	Doctoral Thesis	6
Cognate (graduate level courses in an outside area)		9
Total Hours		58

Student's Highest Degree - MS¹

Code	Title	Hours
Core courses		
RS 8133	Rehabilitation Sciences I	3
RS 8233	Rehabilitation Sciences II	3
RS 5143	Research Methods In Rehabilitation Sciences	3
RS 8153	Clinical Reasoning and Instruction	3
RS 5970	Seminar In Rehabilitation Sciences	1
Graduate level statistics courses, (from another department or university)		6
Specialization courses		

No course is specifically required. Students develop an individualized plan of study with advisors, considering previous coursework and experience, to earn the required number of credits. Please note all AHS and RS courses except those listed under other categories are considered specialization courses.

RS 8430	Doctoral Thesis	6
Cognate (graduate level courses in an outside area)		9
Total Hours		49

¹ Postprofessional master's degree in a related area.

Student's Highest Degree - MS ¹

Code	Title	Hours
Core courses		
RS 8133	Rehabilitation Sciences I	3
RS 8233	Rehabilitation Sciences II	3
RS 8153	Clinical Reasoning and Instruction	3
RS 5970	Seminar In Rehabilitation Sciences	1
Graduate level statistics courses, (from another department or university)		3
Specialization courses		
No course is specifically required. Students develop an individualized plan of study with advisors, considering previous coursework and experience, to earn the required number of credits. Please note all AHS and RS courses except those listed under other categories are considered specialization courses.		12
RS 8430	Doctoral Thesis	6
Cognate (graduate level courses in an outside area)		3
Total Hours		34

¹ Postprofessional master's degree from our program.

Degree Requirements/Program of Study Outline

The Doctor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences (D.Sc.) program requires core courses and courses in the specialization and cognate (related) areas. Students also complete a doctoral thesis, planned and implemented with faculty guidance. The number of credits required in each area varies depending on a student's highest degree. Information about degree requirements (<http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1058/Assets/documents/academic%20program%20info/DSC%20General%20Degree%20Requirements.pdf?ver=2020-10-30-103421-317>).

Prerequisites

- Applicants must be graduates of accredited professional (entry-level) programs in occupational therapy or physical therapy.
- A minimum of a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 hours is required. Please note that, in calculating GPA, all semesters in which the last 60 hours fall will be counted in the GPA. The admissions committee will also consider grades in individual courses that it considers to be important for success in the program. *The College of Allied Health does not recognize academic forgiveness or reprieve policies. All attempts of a course are included in GPA calculations.*
- If English is a second language, submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (<http://www.toefl.org/>) scores. Applicants

must earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (Internet-based) within two years prior to application. Click here ([http://admissions.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/InternationalApplicants/EnglishProficiencyRequirement\(TOEFL\).aspx](http://admissions.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/InternationalApplicants/EnglishProficiencyRequirement(TOEFL).aspx)) to review additional information regarding the TOEFL and TOEFL waiver