



School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

REHABILITATION SCIENCE

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Rehabilitation Science

The rehabilitation science program was designed to prepare students for graduate education in areas such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, prosthetics and orthotics, rehabilitation counseling, and rehabilitation technology, as well as for graduate and professional studies in other areas of health care.

Students begin their studies in the School of Arts and Sciences taking their first 60 credits, including the prerequisite courses, then apply to the program in their sophomore year, provided all admissions requirements have been fulfilled prior to the start of the program in fall term, junior year.

Preparation:

Students are admitted into the rehabilitation science program after successful completion of a minimum of 60 credits. Students must maintain a cumulative and prerequisite quality point average (QPA) of 2.5 and obtain a minimum grade of C- in all prerequisite courses. The prerequisite courses for the undergraduate program in rehabilitation science are:

General Biology with lab (4 credits)

Mathematics (2–3 credits)

Statistics (4 credits)

Writing/English Composition (6 credits)

General Chemistry with lab (4 credits)

General Physics I (4 credits)

Intro to Psychology (3 credits)

Developmental Psychology (3 credits)

Computer Science (3 credits)

Humanities and Social Sciences Electives (6)

(anthropology, economics, English literature/

writing, foreign languages, history, music,

performing and visual arts, philosophy,

religion, sociology, etc.)

Note: Students planning to apply to graduate programs in health sciences are encouraged to complete most of the prerequisite courses (e.g. Physics II, Biology II, Chemistry II, including labs) prior to admission. Anatomy and physiology (a prerequisite for many professional health science programs) is included in the rehabilitation science curriculum.

Other admission criteria:

- Minimum cumulative QPA of 2.5 (based on 4.0 scale)
- Minimum prerequisite QPA of 2.5
- A minimum grade of C- in all courses designated as prerequisites
- Letters of recommendation from faculty

EXAMPLE PLAN OF STUDY

Junior Year, Term 1

REHSCI 1200	Human Anatomy and Lab	4 credits
REHSCI 1205	Human Physiology and Lab	4 credits
REHSCI 1225	Introduction to Rehabilitation Sciences	1 credit
REHSCI 1240	Issues in Health Care	3 credits
REHSCI 1245	Human Development	3 credits
REHSCI 1235	Medical Terminology	1 credit

Junior Year, Term 2

REHSCI 1220	Kinesiology/Biomechanics	3 credits
REHSCI 1255	Epidemiology of Disability	3 credits
REHSCI 1275	Introduction to Occupational Science	3 credits
	Elective(s)	6 credits

Senior Year, Term 1

REHSCI 1210	Neuroscience	4 credits
REHSCI 1215	Exercise Physiology	3 credits
REHSCI 1230	Rehabilitation Ethics	2 credits
REHSCI 1285	Introduction to Evidence-Based Rehabilitation	3 credits
HRS 1704	Introduction to Assistive Technology	2 credits

Senior Year, Term 2

REHSCI 1240	Issues in Health Care	3 credits
REHSCI 1250	Pathophysiology/Human Disease	4 credits
REHSCI 1265	Pharmacology in Rehabilitation	3 credits
REHSCI 1280	Psychology and Sociology of Disability	3 credits
	Elective(s)	5 credits

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