PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences

Contact Information:
ahs.uic.edu/rehabilitation-sciences

Admission Requirements
In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

• Prior Degrees No restrictions outside of a bachelor’s degree in a related area. Prospective students are expected to have backgrounds in physical therapy, occupational therapy, kinesiology, speech and language pathology, prosthetics and orthotics, nursing, medicine, engineering, mental health, or other fields related to rehabilitation science. The ideal applicant should have a strong interest in rehabilitation research, completed preparatory course work in biology, physiology, anatomy, physics and mathematics, psychology, and statistics as well as a master’s degree in an area related to rehabilitation science. The exceptional applicant with a bachelor’s degree, a sufficient number of credits of relevant graduate course work, and/or compelling clinical/research experience in rehabilitation science will be considered. For other applicants, conditional acceptance may be granted with the understanding that by enrolling in appropriate prerequisite courses missing areas will be addressed before PhD program courses may commence.
• Transfer of graduate credits from another institution will be handled on a course-by-course basis.
• Grade Point Average At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study, and at least 3.50/4.00 for any previous graduate work.
• Tests Required None.
• Minimum English Competency Test Score
  • TOEFL 80, with sub-scores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test) (TOEFL scores must be dated within two years of the candidate's application); 60, with sub-scores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), OR,
  • IELTS 6.5, with sub-scores of 6.0 for all four sub-scores, OR,
  • PTE-Academic 54, with sub-scores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
• Letters of Recommendation Three required from individuals who can assess the candidate’s aptitude and potential to complete doctoral work.
• Personal Statement Submit no more than a two-page statement that addresses the candidate’s goals for graduate study, career development, teaching and research experience.
• Curriculum Vitae Submit a current CV, including scholarly activities and publications to date.
• Faculty Commitment to Advise Because this program follows a mentoring model, it is important that applicants identify and contact at least one desired mentor/advisor working in their desired specialty area prior to applying. Faculty member must sign the form.
• Deadlines Application deadlines for this program are listed on the Graduate College website.

Degree Requirements
In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

• Minimum Semester Hours Required 96 hours from the baccalaureate.
• Course Work Only 400- and 500-level courses can be applied to the degree. Excluding dissertation hours, credit toward a graduate degree is only given for courses in which a student received a grade of A, B, C, CR, or S. Students must earn at least 32 hours using the 599 rubric (PhD Thesis Research). Each student will have an advisor chosen from the faculty of the program who will serve as chair for the dissertation committee.

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Responsible Conduct in Research Courses
Select one of the following:

• KN 503 | Responsible Conduct of and Ethical Decision Making in Research | |
• GC 501 | Scientific Integrity and Responsible Research | |

Elective Courses
Select a minimum of 18 semester hours of study in a content area, chosen in consultation with the student's advisor.
• Examinations
  • Preliminary exam
  • Dissertation proposal
  • Dissertation defense
• Dissertation Required. Students must earn at least 32 hours in AHS 599.

• Other Requirements All PhD students are expected to participate in the teaching programs of the College of Applied Health Sciences.

**Interdepartmental Concentrations**

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

• Neuroscience