

MS in Rehabilitation Sciences and Healthspan Promotion

Admission Requirements

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

- **Prior Degrees** Bachelor's degree in health-related sciences or entry-level professional degree in physical therapy.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00.
- **Tests Required** None.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
 - **TOEFL iBT** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, **OR**,
 - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
 - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three are required.
- **Personal Statement** Required. The statement should address the applicant's goals for graduate study and career development.
- **Other Requirements** Preference will be given to applicants with interests in an academic career in rehabilitation sciences.

Degree Requirements

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

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 36 for the thesis or project option. 39 hours for the coursework-only option.
- **Coursework**
 - Students completing a thesis will minimally take 22 hours of coursework.
 - Students completing a project will minimally take 27 hours of coursework.
 - Students completing the coursework-only option will take 39 hours of coursework at the 500 level, with at least 6 hours devoted to a survey of literature and/or the conduction of case studies. 400-level courses may be applied to this requirement with advisor approval.
 - Students receiving three or more grades below B will be dismissed from the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PT 505	Advances in Rehabilitation Sciences I	
PT 506	Advances in Rehabilitation Sciences II	
A graduate-level statistics course (e.g. AHS 511, EPSY 505)		
A research methods course (e.g. PT 563; NURS 573)		
Electives		

The number of hours and choice of electives will vary according to the program option chosen and will be guided by student's area of interest in consultation with the advisor (e.g., PT 503, PT 510, PT 511, and PT 562). Students may also use their electives hours to take courses within specializations—areas of study within the discipline—identified by faculty in the Department of Physical Therapy (e.g., healthy living, rehabilitation sciences). Consult with the advisor for lists of specialization courses.

- **Comprehensive Examination** Required; written. The Comprehensive Examination will be waived for a student who obtains an average grade of B or better in the core courses PT 505 and PT 506.
- **Thesis, Project, or Coursework-Only Options:** Students select one of the three options offered as follows:
 - *Thesis:* Students are required to take 14 hours in PT 598 in addition to 10 hours of elective courses.
 - *Project:* Students are required to take 9 hours of PT 597 in addition to 15 hours of elective courses.
 - *Coursework-Only:* Students are required to take 27 hours of elective courses.

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:

- [Black Studies](#)
- [Survey Research Methodology](#)