

University of Alberta University of Alberta Calendar 2025-2026

Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation Medicine

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General Information

Degree Programs

The Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine offers entry to professional practice programs in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology. Information on these programs can be found under [Graduate Programs](#). The Faculty offers interdisciplinary programs leading to the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Science. The programs are designed to prepare students for research in Rehabilitation Science and the systematic study of psychosocial, communication, neurological, and musculoskeletal disorders in humans of all ages. Students will study in one of those four general content areas which represent broad interdisciplinary bodies of knowledge.

Inquiries concerning the MSc and PhD programs in Rehabilitation Science should be directed to:

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine
3-48 Corbett Hall
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
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Continuing Professional Education

The Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine offers a number of credit certificate programs which formally acknowledge the study of particular themes within the rehabilitation discipline. The programs are designed to build on existing expertise of practicing clinicians and current students. The certificate programs provide both profession-specific as well as interdisciplinary evidence-based content and are offered in various formats which may include distance technologies and face-to-face learning. A graduate certificate will be granted upon successful completion (minimum grade of C+) of at least three required graduate-level courses.

Inquiries concerning the certificate programs in the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine should be directed to:

Certificate Programs Coordinator
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine
3-48 Corbett Hall
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Entrance Requirements (Degree Programs)

For the MSc, the Faculty's minimum admission requirements are a bachelor's degree or a previous graduate degree in a rehabilitation discipline or related field with an admission GPA of at least 3.0 on the 4-point scale from the University of Alberta, or an equivalent qualification and standing from a recognized institution. The admission GPA will be calculated on the last 60 units of graded coursework completed, or on the equivalent of the last two years of full-time graded coursework.

For the PhD, the Faculty's minimum admission requirements are a master's degree in a rehabilitation discipline or a related field or an Honors BSc degree in rehabilitation or a related field with an admission GPA of at least 3.0 on the 4-point scale from the University of Alberta, or an equivalent qualification and standing from a recognized institution. The admission GPA will be calculated on the last 60 units of graded coursework completed, or on the equivalent of the last two years of full-time graded coursework.

Where applicable, applicants must provide proof of English Language Proficiency (refer to [English Language Requirement](#)). Any one of the following is acceptable:

- a minimum TOEFL score of 100 with at least 25 on each of the individual skill areas (internet-based) or equivalent;
- a minimum overall IELTS score of 7.5 with at least 7.0 on each test band;
- a minimum Pearson Test of Academic English score of 70, with at least 70 on each band.

Applicants must identify faculty member(s) within the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine who have agreed to supervise them.

Applicants are also required to submit the following

- three reference letters from members of an academic community who are knowledgeable about the applicant's academic and research potential and capabilities;
- a current curriculum vitae; and
- a research statement describing the research interests discussed with the potential supervisor, the applicant's academic, vocational or research background, and career goals.

The application deadlines are April 15 for Fall entry and September 15 for Winter entry.

Academic Standing Requirement

Students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0, with no grade less than C+, throughout the course of the program. Failure to maintain the required cumulative GPA will normally result in a recommendation by the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies to GPS that the student be placed on academic probation or required to withdraw.

Financial Assistance

Master's and doctoral students who are accepted are encouraged to apply for internally available studentships or fellowships and for externally available awards from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and Alberta Innovates. Information about these awards and others is available at www.gradstudies.ualberta.ca, in the Faculty office of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, and through the Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies. See also the [Rehabilitation Sciences Policies and Procedures Manual](#) for more information about funding opportunities.

Graduate Program Requirements

Master's Programs

- [Master of Science in Rehabilitation Science \(Rehabilitation Medicine\)](#)

Doctoral Programs

- [Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Science \(Rehabilitation Medicine\)](#)

Combined Degree Programs

- [Master of Science \(Speech Language Pathology\) / Doctor of Philosophy \(Rehabilitation Sciences\) Combined Program \(Rehabilitation Medicine\)](#)
- [Master of Science \(Physical Therapy\) / Doctor of Philosophy \(Rehabilitation Sciences\) Combined Program \(Rehabilitation Medicine\)](#)

Certificates

- [Graduate Certificate in Francophone Practice for Speech-Language Pathologists \(Rehabilitation Medicine\)](#)
- [Certificat d'études supérieures spécialisées en pratique orthophonique en milieu francophone \(Rehabilitation Medicine\)](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Pain Management \(Rehabilitation Medicine\)](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Sexual Health \(Rehabilitation Medicine\)](#)

Suspended Certificates

Effective July 2023, there will be no further admission to the following Certificates in the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine:

- Graduate Certificate in Stroke Rehabilitation
- Graduate Certificate Bridging to Canadian Physical Therapy Practice

Students who entered these prior to July 2023 must complete all program requirements by July 2025. Students must refer to the Calendar under which they were admitted to the certificate for program requirements.

Graduate Courses

Graduate courses for Rehabilitation Science degrees and certificate programs can be found in [Course Listings](#), under the subject heading Rehabilitation Medicine (REHAB).
