

Health and Rehabilitation Sciences PhD Program

Mission of the PhD

The mission of the PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences program is to: develop future leaders within focused domains who advance healthcare through research, teaching, and outreach, in the health and rehabilitation sciences disciplines.

School members are expected to become stewards of the science by applying rigorous scientific methods and cutting-edge analytical approaches in a focused domain. Being at the scientific forefront, facilitates a culture of knowledge and innovation, and is fundamental to becoming a steward of one's profession. Our faculty and graduates will lead their disciplines by engaging in life-long research, effectively disseminating scientific discoveries and performing service to their professions.

Five Pillars of HRS Graduate Education



Our PhD program's success is equated with completion of these targeted activities. All targeted activities are expected to be contextually linked to our programs' five thematic pillars.

Outcomes

- Highly successful career development resources: 100% Job Placement Success
- Interprofessional focus on academia careers: 80% of graduates continue in academic research and/or teaching careers
- Numerous doctoral student awards and grants: 100% financial support for students

Innovative Research

- Develop in-depth foundational knowledge within one of the focused five pillars of study
- Develop mastery of innovative scientific methods to produce original rigorous research; culminating in independent, scholarly thought
- Advance the science and the profession through pursuit of grant funding, publication of scientific discoveries and dissemination in scientific and professional forums as well as in the classroom
- Aggressively disseminate research discoveries and knowledge to stakeholders in diverse locations and backgrounds, including other professionals, students, consumers and legislators

Professional Outreach

- Serve as an ambassador for the profession and the program in interactions with others locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- Thrive in interdisciplinary discussion, debate and collaboration
- Expect the best by engaging in self-criticism, bringing passion



OTD/PhD – Dual Degree Program

OTD students at The Ohio State University have the unique option to enroll in the OTD/PhD dual degree program. With this option, students can overlap their clinical doctorate program with the PhD program. A student can decide to enroll in the dual program at any point during their clinical OTD program. The following is a sample timeline for an OTD student who were to apply to the PhD program during their second year in the program:

- Accept admission to OTD program
- Begin the first year of the program
 - Begin OT curriculum and develop clinical skills with cohort
 - Become involved in research
- Begin second year of program
 - Select a faculty research advisor whose area of expertise aligns with your research area of interest who will become dissertation advisor for the PhD portion of your dual program
 - Become integrated into the research programs of the faculty advisor
 - Complete the full-time clinical affiliations at the end of the second year
 - Apply to the PhD program
- Begin third year of the OTD program and begin to integrate PhD program
 - Student will begin to incorporate PhD level courses
 - Complete the OTD portion of education in the summer and sit for national licensure
- Begin fourth year in autumn/formally become a full-time PhD student
 - Due to the overlapping of degrees, excess credits from previous year will be counted toward the PhD. Students in this combined program are anticipated to be a year ahead of traditional PhD classmates beginning that autumn.

If you are interested in learning more about the OTD/PhD dual degree program, please contact:

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