PhD in Allied Health Sciences - Rehabilitation Sciences Emphasis

Mission

To promote knowledge and collaboration across disciplines while emphasizing research in an area of specialization. Graduates of the program will be prepared to assume leadership roles in research and education. Specialization emphases in Rehabilitation Sciences are primarily focused on musculoskeletal conditions, cancer, stroke, pediatrics or aging. The program is available in a blended classroom and web-based format.

Program Objectives

The PhD Program seeks to accomplish the following goals:
- provide a variety of courses which allow for advanced learning;
- provide research experiences which allow the student to engage in scholarly creative endeavors, under the direction of faculty, which contributes to the development of new knowledge;
- develop and apply those skills required in scientific inquiry via resolution of a research problem/idea;
- gain competencies necessary to utilize research results in career experiences;
- provide individualized learning experiences, both in the didactic and research settings, which allow for the acquisition of in-depth knowledge specifically desired by the student; and
- to provide an academic setting that fosters the student's development of: ethical behaviors; individual potential and interest; open-mindedness; independent thought.

Program Design

Curriculum Requirements for the PhD degree in Allied Health Sciences are the following:

- Total number of post-baccalaureate hours for graduation = 90

The 90 post-baccalaureate hours consist of the following:

- Allied health sciences core = 10
- Individualized program (at least 6 from the COAH) = 12
- Research and statistics = 18
- Dissertation research = 20
- Possible hrs in graduate prerequisite courses = 30

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RS Graduate Faculty – Areas of Expertise

Sandra Arnold, PT, PhD  
School-based pediatrics, wellness

Carrie Ciro, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA  
Dementia, aging

Elizabeth DeGrace, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA  
Family health, autism

Carol Dionne, PT, DPT, PhD, OCS, Cert MDT  
Spine, amputation, work performance

Martha Ferretti, PT, MPH, FAPTA  
Leadership, administration

Toby Hamilton, PhD, MPH, OTR/L, FAOTA  
Qualitative research, mental health

Elizabeth Hile, PT, PhD, NCS, CLT  
Breast cancer, cancer rehabilitation

Shirley James, PT, MS  
Motor learning, biomechanics

Lynn Jeffries, PT, DPT, PhD, PCS  
Pediatrics

Maria Jones, PT, PhD  
Power mobility, developmental disabilities

Thubi Kolobe, PT, PhD, FAPTA  
Pediatric research, program evaluation

Vince Lepak, PT, DPT, CWS  
Wound care, orthopedic physical therapy

Alex Mdzinarishvili, PhD  
Neuroscience, stroke

Ken Randall, PT, MHR, PhD  
Manual therapy, teaching & learning

Lorraine Sylvester, PT, PhD  
Developmental disabilities, assistive technology

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