Mission
To promote advancement of knowledge within Rehabilitation Science by emphasizing research development in areas of specialization and interprofessional collaboration. Graduates of the program will be prepared to assume entry-level roles in research and education.

Program Design
Specialization in the Rehabilitation Sciences emphasis are focused on musculoskeletal conditions, neuromuscular conditions, cancer, stroke, pediatrics, or aging. The PhD program requires that students be located on-campus during the program, with courses available in on-site, online, and blended formats.

Program Objectives
The PhD program seeks to meet its mission by providing:

- A variety of courses for advanced learning
- Research experiences for the student to engage in scholarly creative endeavors, which contributes to the development of new knowledge
- Opportunities for students to develop and apply those skills required in scientific inquiry via resolution of a research problem/idea
- Individualized learning experiences both in the didactic and research setting, which allow for the acquisition of in-depth knowledge specifically desired by the student
- A mentored, research-oriented approach that culminates in a dissertation and academic publications

To learn more about the program, please visit our website at:
http://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/AcademicPrograms/PhDinAHSwithSpecializationinRS.aspx
Curriculum
The PhD in Allied Health Sciences requires a total of 90 post-baccalaureate hours to graduate. The 90 hours consist of the following:
- Allied Health Sciences Core: 10 hours
- Individualized Program: 12 hours (>6 from Allied Health)
- Research & Statistics: 18 hours
- Dissertation Research: 20 hours
- Transferrable Master’s Degree Work: up to 30 hours
  * Any remaining credits add to required individualized program hours

Potential Major Advisors—Rehabilitation Sciences

**Sandra Arnold**, PT, PhD  
School-based & outcomes measurement research, wellness

**Elizabeth DeGrace**, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA  
Family health & Autism Spectrum Disorders research, cancer rehab

**Carol Dionne**, PT, DPT, PhD, OCS, Cert MDT  
Spine, limb loss, & work performance research

**Elizabeth Hile**, PT, PhD, NCS, CLT/CES  
Chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy & cancer prehabilitation research

**Lynn Jeffries**, PT, DPT, PhD, PCS  
Children with CP research, early intervention

**Thubi Kolobe**, PT, PhD, FAPTA  
Early intervention, human-robotic learning, and measurement research, program evaluation

**Alex Mdzinarishvili**, PhD  
Neuroscience & stroke research

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