

**University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
College of Allied Health
Department of Rehabilitation Sciences**

**Doctor of Science Program
General Degree Requirements**

Courses	Credits			
	Students' Highest Degree			
	BS	MOT/MPT/ DPT	MS*	MS in RS**
Core courses				
RS 8133 Rehabilitation Sciences I	3	3	3	3
RS 8233 Rehabilitation Sciences II	3	3	3	3
RS 5143 Research Methods in Rehabilitation Sciences	3	3	3	
RS 8153 Clinical Reasoning and Instruction	3	3	3	3
RS 5970 Seminar in Rehabilitation Sciences	1	1	1	1
Graduate level statistics courses, (from another department or university)	6	6	6	3
Total core course credits	(19)	(19)	(19)	(13)
Specialization courses No course is specifically required. Students develop an individualized plan of study with advisors, considering previous coursework and experience, to earn the required number of credits. Please note all AHS and RS courses except those listed under other categories are considered specialization courses.				
Total specialization course credits	(24)	(24)	(15)	(12)
Doctoral Thesis (RS 8430)	6	6	6	6
Cognate (graduate level courses in an outside area)	9	9	9	3
Electives (in any of the above areas except the doctoral thesis)	9			
Total	67	58	49	34

* Postprofessional master's degree in a related area

** Postprofessional master's degree from our program

Other requirements include passing a qualifying exam at the end of the first year, passing a comprehensive exam after completion of core courses and most other coursework, and successfully defending the doctoral thesis. These and other expectations are explained in the student handbook.