Rehabilitation (RHAB)

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In addition to the general program in vocational rehabilitation counseling, two specialty emphasis tracks are offered: rehabilitation job development and job placement; and independent living.

Prerequisites to the Degree Program: For acceptance into the master’s degree program in rehabilitation, the program stipulates, in addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School, an undergraduate degree in a social or behavioral science, or other related fields.

Requirements for the Master of Science Degree in Rehabilitation:  
Candidates for the general master’s degree and both tracks must complete 48 semester hours. Students select the practicum, internships, and electives with the permission of their adviser, according to their specialty emphasis track. A thesis may be included within any of the tracks. Students may complete an additional 12 hours of course work to qualify for counseling licensure.

The general program in vocational rehabilitation (48 hours) stresses the skills of case management and vocational counseling with people who are disabled. The rehabilitation job development and job placement track emphasizes case management and life planning for people with disabilities who may not be ready for vocational planning. All students in the vocational rehabilitation program complete a practicum and internship in an independent living center, or community service provider that specializes in independent living.

Prerequisites to the Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program: The applicant must have completed a master’s degree or its equivalent in rehabilitation counseling or a closely related discipline and must meet the general admission requirements of the Graduate School. Applicants are encouraged to have had three years of successful experience related to the applicant’s degree and career objectives. After gaining admission to the Graduate School, the applicant must be accepted by the Rehabilitation Education faculty. The review process consists of an interview and evaluation of the applicant’s personal, social, and academic attributes, and includes three letters of reference. A prospective candidate must present a graduate GPA of 3.50 or better and a score of at least 500 on the Verbal and Analytic subsets and a score of at least 5 on the Writing Sample of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE). Additional prerequisites may be prescribed after review of the applicant’s materials.

Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree: A minimum of 60 semester hours, including 18 hours of dissertation, must be taken from the University of Arkansas after admission into the Ph.D. program. A doctoral advisory committee will be established by the student, in consultation with the program chair, during the first semester of enrollment. The nature of the student’s program will vary depending on the student’s career objectives. The degree program also requires successful completion of candidacy examinations, an acceptable doctoral dissertation, and oral defense of the dissertation. These last requirements are described elsewhere in this catalog.

Curriculum Core Requirements

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A minimum of 15 hours approved by the doctoral advisory committee.

Field of Study

The student, in consultation with the doctoral advisory committee, will identify further course work comprising a field of study in rehabilitation.