

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Graduate Programs – Admissions Information for the DSc in **Rehabilitation Science**

Program Admissions Details:

The Doctor of Science (DSc) in Rehabilitation Science is a part-time program designed for rehabilitation professionals to advance their knowledge and professional skills in the areas of leadership, education, and clinical research. The program allows for transfer credit from previous doctoral and post-doctoral experience and requires 36-54 credits to be completed at Johns Hopkins University, including a doctoral project. Students typically complete the program in three to four years. Information on financial aid is available [here](#).

Program Details:

Applications are accepted and reviewed by the admissions committee on a rolling basis.

Academic History:

Applicants will need to list all colleges and universities attended, and provide a transcript from each school attended. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for the application; official transcripts are required prior to matriculation.

Admissions requirements:

- Applicants must have a **minimum of a Bachelor's degree** in occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, psychology, psychiatry, orthotics/prosthetics, or a related rehabilitation discipline.
- Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of 3 years clinical or professional experience as seen on their CV.
- Applicants must submit a practice-based project statement. [Practice-Based Project Statement instructions](#)
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation

International Students:

- This program does not qualify for F-1 or J-1 student sponsorship. Legal Permanent Residents and non-immigrants who are otherwise physically present in the U.S. and in a status that allows for full or part-time study at JHU, may pursue this program.
- International students whose native language is not English are required to complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). When taking the exam, applicants should request official scores be reported to Institution Code 5316 (the Department Code is not necessary). To report official IELTS test scores, please include the Test Report Form (TRF) verification number on the application. Scores must be received before the application deadline.
- The TOEFL requirement will be waived if the applicant has completed their degree in a U.S. institution, or is currently enrolled and will receive a degree from a university within the U.S. prior to matriculation at JHU-SOM.
- All transcripts, letters of recommendation, and parts of the Admissions application must be in English. The approved transcript service for use by international students is WES.
- International students are not eligible for waivers of the Admissions Application fees.

Getting to know you:

- Parts of the Admissions application collect information for mandatory reporting. These parts may ask applicants to select a pre-set category for gender, race or ethnicity. Other sections of

the application allow applicants to share more details about how they choose to describe themselves.

- Application Fee waivers may be given to applicants based on family income (U.S. citizens only). The term *family* is determined by your definition. Families may involve adoptions, separations, and many other variations.

Admissions fees:

- An admissions fee of \$125 dollars is required and must be submitted using a credit card.
- For a complete description of the fee waiver process, please see the *Application Fees and Fee Waiver Instructions* on the Admission website. Fee waivers are only available for U.S. citizens.

Application status website:

- Once the application is submitted, the applicant may follow its progress on the Application Status page. This page can be accessed upon completion of the application. The status page has the most current information.

Admission timeline:

- Review of applications will occur bi-weekly on a rolling basis.
- Letters describing acceptance, wait list status, or rejection will be sent by email. This information will also be available on the Application status website. Applicants selected for acceptance must choose to accept or reject the offer within 10 business days.
- The DSc Rehabilitation Science program only accepts students for fall matriculation.

Applicant survey:

- Applicants will receive a survey during the third week of April where they can provide feedback about their experience with the Admissions process. The survey will also ask questions about disability status of applicants.

Upon acceptance:

- Accepted students will undergo a criminal background check.
- Accepted students must submit official transcripts to the School of Medicine Registrar. This may be in the form of a digital transcript, which is submitted through a transcript service approved by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Registrar. The approved transcript service for international students is WES. Transcripts may also be mailed directly from the Accepted student's school to the School of Medicine Registrar. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance.

Communicating with the program:

- DSc Rehabilitation Program contact: DScRehabScience@jh.edu
- General questions: GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu
- For more info, please see the Program website: [Doctor of Science in Rehabilitation Science | Johns Hopkins Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation](#)
- Online application will open on September 1, 2026 – please email us or complete the Program survey here: [DSc Rehabilitation Science information request](#) to be added to our mailing list.