# Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Doctoral in **Rehabilitation Science** Program Admissions Information

## Program Overview:

The Doctor of Science (DSc) in Rehabilitation Science is a part-time hybrid doctoral degree 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-professional experience and requires 36-54 credits to be completed at Johns Hopkins University. Students are expected to complete the program in 2.5 to 4 years depending on transfer credit.

The program is primarily online with two, 1-credit, immersive sessions that will take place on the Johns Hopkins Hospital East Baltimore campus. The program culminates in a locally grounded doctoral project that addresses a real-world challenge in rehabilitation.

The tuition for the 2026-27 academic year is $1,440 per credit. Additional information regarding tuition, fees, financial aid, and student financial resources is available on the Financial Aid website.

## Application Instructions:

This program has rolling admissions. The application opens September 8 and applications are reviewed monthly, in the order they are received.

## Admissions Requirements and Application Materials:

- **Academic History:** Applicants must list all colleges and universities they have attended and upload a transcript from each institution.

  **Minimum qualifications:** Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications for consideration for admission. However, meeting these minimum qualifications does not guarantee admission to the program.
  - Applicants must have a **minimum of a Bachelor's degree** in occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, psychology, physiatry, orthotics/prosthetics, or a related rehabilitation discipline.
  - **Curriculum Vitae/Resume:** Applicants must submit a CV or resume.
  - Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of 3 years clinical or professional experience in rehabilitation as seen on their CV.
  - **Practice-based project statement:** Applicants must submit a practice-based project statement. For more information, see Practice-Based Project Statement instructions.

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants must identify two (2) individuals who are familiar with the applicant's academic, professional, research, clinical, or other relevant work and

provide contact information for these references. The School of Medicine will contact the identified references and request that they submit letters of recommendation on behalf of the applicant.

## 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.
- Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents should consult the *Application Fees and Fee Waivers* section on the On-Campus Programs website for information about application fees and eligibility for fee waivers.

## Additional Application Information:

Parts of the admissions application collect demographic and other information. Race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, and other legally protected characteristics are not considered in the selection of candidates for admission to the training program.

## Admissions Fees:

- An application fee of $125 is required and must be submitted using a credit card.
- Application fee waivers are available to applicants who meet the School of Medicine's published eligibility requirements. Eligibility for a fee waiver is separate from the academic admissions process and does not affect an applicant's consideration for admission. For a complete description of eligibility requirements and the fee waiver process, please see the *Application Fees Waivers* section on the Online Programs website.

## Application Status:

- Once an application has been submitted, the applicant may follow its progress through the Application Status Page. The page can be accessed after submission of the application

and contains the most current information regarding application status and outstanding materials.

## Admissions Timelines:

- Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.
- Applicants meeting programmatic criteria will be offered an interview within 30 days of their application submission. Interviews will be held virtually.
- Applicants will be notified of admission status within 2 weeks of their interview.
- 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 Rehabilitation Science Program only accepts students for fall matriculation. Orientation occurs in mid-August.

## Applicant Survey:

- Applicants will receive a survey after the admissions process has concluded requesting feedback regarding their experience with the admissions process. The survey will also ask questions about the disability status of applicants.
- Participation in the survey is voluntary, and survey responses are not used in admissions decisions and have no effect on an applicant's admission status or any offer of admission.

## Upon Acceptance:

- Individuals who accept an offer of admission will undergo a criminal background check.
- Accepted students must submit official transcripts to the School of Medicine Registrar. Official transcripts may be submitted electronically through a transcript service approved by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Registrar. The approved transcript service for international students is WES. Transcripts may also be mailed directly to the School of Medicine Registrar by the issuing institution. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance.

## Communicating with the Program:

- PROGRAM contact: DScRehabScience@jh.edu
- General questions: GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu
- For more information, please see the DSc Rehabilitation Science website: Doctor of Science in Rehabilitation Science | Johns Hopkins Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Admissions information: Admissions | Doctor of Science in Rehabilitation Science