Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Honours Bachelor’s degree or equivalent in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychology, Social Work, Kinesiology, Life Sciences or a related field. Contact the program director to discuss how your studies to date may be related to rehabilitation sciences.
- Grade requirements: Upper second-class standing (80%). The entire transcript is reviewed but particular attention is given to your last 20 courses and how well you have progressed throughout your academic career.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Intent.
- Current CV including a list of all previous academic awards and publications (both abstracts and full papers).
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening.
- The School of Graduate Studies requires the following minimum scores: TOEFL (paper-based): 550, (computer-based): 213, IELTS: 7.0 for International students.
- Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the SGS HABITAT for available resources.

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What about FUNDING?

Master’s students in Rehabilitation Science are offered a minimum funding of $7,300 per year.

Apply for external funding from OGS, CCHR/NserC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically issue a $5,000 top-up to Master’s winners of federal government tri-council awards. See the School of Graduate Studies’ information on awards and scholarships for more.

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in REHABILITATION SCIENCE?

Graduate students and their work are an important part of an ongoing research process that provides the community with ways of understanding natural, cultural, imaginative, social and technological phenomena. The graduate programs in Rehabilitation Science at Queen’s University stress the multidisciplinary contribution of many health professions and disciplines to rehabilitation. The focus is on understanding how people who experience disability can be enabled to live full and satisfying lives as members of their community, considering a broad range of individual, community and societal factors. Students can expect to be introduced to a broad spectrum of rehabilitation-related concerns, including function and participation across a wide range of health conditions and disabilities (for example, neurotrauma, mental health, intellectual disabilities), policy development, professional education, and interdisciplinary and intersectoral services. An innovative feature of this program is the interdisciplinarity which has attracted students from varied backgrounds including occupational and physical therapy, kinesiology, psychology, nursing, social work, sociology, law, epidemiology and others.

Why QUEEN’S?

The School of Rehabilitation Therapy at Queen’s University is committed to leading and inspiring positive changes that transform lives through rehabilitation research, education and practice. As part of this commitment, part of our core mission is to educate rehabilitation scientists who contribute to health and well-being globally through collaboration, creativity, and the discovery of new knowledge. We are recognized nationally and internationally for our excellent faculty, high-quality professional and research programs, and the ways in which our scholarship contributes to the lives of people affected by or at risk of disability.

Program STRUCTURE

MSc (2 years): Course work, thesis, and oral defense.
**Rehabilitation Science MSc MAP**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSc)**

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**GETTING STARTED**

- Start with key priorities like developing your relationship with your supervisor, forming your committee, and doing your coursework.
- Consider how your course papers can contribute to your Master's thesis.
- Find your way through the academic process with help from departmental and Expanding Horizons professional development workshops, the department Grad Chair and the SGS Habitat.

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**INTERMEDIATE STAGE**

- Complete your coursework, begin to research and write your Master's or thesis.
- Participate in the departmental seminar series (RHBS 803).

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**WRAPPING UP**

- Present your research to Rehabilitation Science graduate students and faculty.
- Complete and defend your Master's research thesis.

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**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

A graduate degree in Rehabilitation Science can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- Knowledge and technical skills
- Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences
- Information management: prioritize, organize and synthesize large amounts of information
- Time management: Meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands
- Project management: develop ideas, gather information, analyze, critique, appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation
- Perseverance
- Independence and experience as a collaborative worker
- Awareness, an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership: initiative and vision leading people and discussion

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**WHERE CAN I GO?**

A Master's degree in Rehabilitation Science can take your career in many directions. Many of our MSc students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master's students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Clinical/Program Research and evaluation
- Academia (research and teaching)
- Work with professional agencies and/or funding agencies
- Program development at the local, national or international level
- Policy development
- International community-based rehabilitation

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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*This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Grad Map using our online My Grad Map tool.*

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Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps for the online version with links!