

# REHABILITATION SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA



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*“uplifting the whole people”*

— HENRY MARSHALL TORY, FOUNDING PRESIDENT, 1908

# So you want to be a Rehabilitation Scientist?

Rehabilitation Science Programs (PhD, MSc)



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# Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine Programs

- Professional programs (Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology)
- Research programs (PhD Rehabilitation Science, MSc Rehabilitation Science, combined degrees)
- Certificate programs (Stroke, Pain etc.).



# What is Rehabilitation Science

Enhancing life through rehabilitation (FRM Vision)

**REHABILITATION: THE HEALTH STRATEGY OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

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# Core Research Areas

- **Brain and Mind:** Neuroscience and mental health
- **Living Well:** Prevention and management of chronic disorders
- **Early Years:** Children's health and wellness



# Paths of Study

- **MSc Rehabilitation Science**

- Two-year thesis degree program designed to provide entry-level research training

- **PhD Rehabilitation Science**

- Four-year research degree program designed to provide advanced research training in a variety of rehabilitation-related areas

- **Combined Degrees**

- For exceptional students who wish to combine professional program training with research training (PhD)



# Admission – Who?

- Students from many related discipline areas (e.g., kinesiology, engineering, public health, clinical)
- Clinical training (OT, PT, SLP) not required



# Admission – How?

- First step: identify a supervisor who is willing to supervise your program
  - Do your homework
  - Think about how your interests intersect with a potential supervisor
- Review procedures on website, contact person for questions is [angela.libutti@ualberta.ca](mailto:angela.libutti@ualberta.ca)
- \*admission to combined degree – first step is apply to professional program





# Where do our graduates work?

Examples include:

- Research settings (academia, research associate)
- Education (academic teaching staff)
- Technology
- In clinical settings – leading or contributing to clinical research
- Leadership roles in health (e.g., health improvement team, patient support/advocacy organizations)



# Helpful Links

[International Student Services](#)

[Fee and Cost of Living Estimates](#)

[Edmonton Tourism](#)

[Travel Alberta](#)



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