University of Pittsburgh  
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS)  
Rehabilitation Science (BS)

**Supplemental Requirements**

- Submit a personal essay—a brief statement discussing why you are interested in the Undergraduate Program in Rehabilitation Science, your professional goals including how and when you became interested in that field, as well as any work or volunteer experience you have that will demonstrate your awareness of the field. Also include other areas of interest, extra-curricular activities and leadership experiences. Essays should be single or 1.5 spaced and no more than 2 pages in length;
- Resumes are strongly recommended. These can be submitted along with your personal essay as a separate page;
- Submit one letter of recommendation with the SHRS recommendation form. A recommendation from a college instructor/professor or recent work or volunteer supervisor is preferred.

**Mail Supplemental Materials to:**
SHRS Office of Admissions  
4020 Forbes Tower  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

**Admission Information**

- Application Deadline: OAFA Application Requirements must be received by February 15. Supplemental Materials (sent to SHRS) must be received by February 15;
- 60 credits are required for admission including prerequisites (application may be submitted while coursework is in progress);
- Grades of C or better are required for transfer;
- Required minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5;
- Required minimum prerequisite science GPA: 2.5;
- Please note that admission to the program is competitive. Meeting the minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission. Average cumulative GPA of admitted students: 3.4; Average prerequisite science GPA of admitted students: 3.2.

**Prerequisite Coursework**

- General Biology I and Lab, 4 credits
- General Chemistry I and Lab, 4 credits
- General Physics I, 3-4 credits
- Mathematics  
  (college algebra or higher - *college trigonometry or higher is highly recommended*), 2-3 credits
- Statistics, 3-4 credits  
  (applied statistics or higher)
- Introduction to Psychology, 3 credits
- Human Development, 3 credits
  *lifespan development recommended, developmental psychology also accepted*
- English Composition, 3 credits
- Intensive Writing, 3 credits
  Applicants are required to send course syllabus for review. Provision can be made to complete this prerequisite in the program
- Humanities and Social Sciences, 6 credits
  from anthropology, art history, economics, English literature/writing, foreign languages, gender studies, history, music, performing and visual arts, philosophy, political science, religion or sociology, etc

Note: Students planning to apply to graduate professional programs in health sciences are recommended to complete most of the prerequisite courses for those graduate programs (e.g. Physics II, Biology II, Chemistry II) prior to admission to the Rehabilitation Science program. Anatomy and Physiology (prerequisites for many professional health science programs) are included in the Rehabilitation Science curriculum.

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**For specific program questions, contact:**
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