Frequently Asked Questions

Topics are listed in alphabetical order.

Admission
We will send you the decision on admission and the confirmation for doctoral students. You can use these, along with further documents (https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/apply.html) to apply at the Admissions Office of the University of Zurich. The application must be submitted online and is mandatory for all students. The Admissions Office will check whether you fulfill all the formal admission requirements of the University of Zurich. Upon admission, you will receive your matriculation number and your login details for the online services of the University of Zurich.

Age limit
There is no age limit for the PhD program in Care & Rehabilitation Sciences.

Application deadline (see also ‘Preselection’)
Please note the information under ‘Application procedure’ on the PhD program website. All applications go through a preselection process at the ZHAW. The application deadlines for the preselection are April 30 and September 30.

Curriculum
The PhD program has a curricular component of at least 16 ECTS credits. You will acquire 12 ECTS credits in compulsory modules and the rest in elective modules.

Doctoral committee
The doctoral committee includes the following members:
- PhD supervisor
- At least two members of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Zurich (one of whom may be the PhD supervisor)
- At least one advisor from the university of applied sciences where the PhD student carries out his or her research
- At least one external member who has the right to confer a PhD at a university
The head of the PhD committee is a faculty member of the University of Zurich Faculty of Medicine. The head of the PhD committee must not necessarily be the PhD supervisor.

ECTS credits – acquiring the missing 30 ECTS credits in the PhD preparation phase

During the PhD preparation phase, you have 4 semesters to acquire your missing 30 ECTS credits. You are matriculated at UZH through the PhD program and can book courses at UZH. Thanks to the mobility options, you can also attend individual courses at other Swiss universities and federal institutes of technology or at foreign universities. Detailed information on student mobility can be found at https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/chiobilityout.html.

You can acquire your missing 30 ECTS credits by attending courses in consecutive Master’s programs. Relevant courses can be found at the Faculty of Medicine (elective courses), the Faculty of Science (e.g. Biochemistry, Human Biology) and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (selected lectures at the Department of Psychology, https://www.psychologie.uzh.ch/de/studium/bscmsc/modul.html).

The following are not counted towards the missing 30 ECTS credits: CAS, DAS, MAS, summer schools, language courses, etc.

Fees

The enrollment fee and semester fees are set by the Student Administration Office of the University of Zurich and apply to all students, including PhD students. PhD students must be matriculated for the entire duration of their PhD studies through graduation. There are no additional fees.

Funding

Your PhD position must be funded for at least 3 years (in case of a full-time PhD). This funding must be confirmed in writing by the project leader. If you do not have a PhD position, you must demonstrate that, in case of a full-time PhD, funding corresponding to a 60% position is available within the framework of a PhD project. In the case of a part-time PhD, the percentage is correspondingly lower.
Information events
Would you like to get some general information about the PhD program in Care & Rehabilitation Sciences? The next information event will be held on:
- Thursday, March 19, 2020, 5:30-6:30 pm
Location: ZHAW, School of Health Professions, Technikumstrasse 71, 8400 Winterthur

Registration on the ZHAW website is required in order to participate in the information event.

Matriculation deadlines
The matriculation deadlines for the spring and fall semester are January 31 and July 31, respectively.

PhD preparation phase
If you have been admitted to the PhD program but still need to acquire 30 ECTS credits, you will initially enter the PhD preparation phase. In this phase, you will acquire your missing 30 ECTS credits and you cannot yet officially start with the PhD program or take modules from the PhD program curriculum.

Preselection
Please send your application to doktorat.gesundheit@zhaw.ch.
The deadline to enter the next preselection phase is September 30, 2019 (for admissions for the 2020 spring semester).

Supervisor of the dissertation
You can find a list of all the faculty members of the Faculty of Medicine and their specialist fields on the following page: https://www.med.uzh.ch/de/Ueber-dieFakultaet/fakultaetsmitglieder.html
If you are admitted to the PhD program, the program commission will help you find a suitable supervisor.

Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF
Is it possible to do a PhD within an ongoing project, e.g. as a subproject of an ongoing SNSF project? Yes, in principle that is possible.
Working during your PhD

Other work activities besides your PhD project should not exceed 20% of your working hours.