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:

- the supervisor of the dissertation, who must at least hold a doctorate,
- one member with the right to confer a doctorate Dr. sc. med. according to § 11 PromVO Dr. sc. med,
- one additional member who must have at least a doctorate and is preferably not employed at UZH or at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich.
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. At least half of the committee members must belong to the Faculty of Medicine.

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. We provide a template for the confirmation online on our website.

Information events
Would you like to get some general information about the PhD program in Care & Rehabilitation Sciences? The dates for the information events can be found online.

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.

Preselection
Please send your application to doktorat.gesundheit@zhaw.ch.
The deadline to enter the next preselection phase is September 30, 2020 (for admissions for the 2021 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/UeberdieFakultaet/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.