

# **PhD in Rehabilitation and Participation Science**

The Rehabilitation and Participation Science (RAPS) PhD program aims to develop rehabilitation scientists whose research questions are chosen based explicitly on their potential to generate rehabilitation knowledge that will enhance health, reduce illness and disability and optimize participation and quality of life. In our doctoral training model, students devote the majority of their time to mentored research activities beginning in their first semester, and then they become increasingly independent. Students may choose rehabilitation and participation scientists who hold appointments in the occupational therapy program as mentors to help focus their study in the areas of chronic diseases, evidence-based care, interventions, cognitive rehabilitation, neurorehabilitation, health promotion, decreasing secondary conditions, improving physical fitness for people with disabilities, and rehabilitation outcomes and informatics.

This program is designed to be completed in four to five years of full-time study. There is no provision for part-time study. A tuition stipend and fellowship are provided for up to four years, with the possibility of a one-year extension.

Graduates of the RAPS PhD program will be prepared for careers as academic research scientists.