

BS in Rehabilitation Sciences Advising Information – Spring 2026

BS-RHSC concentrations:

PHTH – Physical Therapy

OCTH – Occupational Therapy

SPLA – Speech Language Pathology

RHCO – Rehabilitation Counseling

INHS – Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

SLHS – Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

BS-RHSC students are responsible for:

1. Knowing your degree plan, including but not limited to:
 - *Pre-requisites and co-requisites*
 - *Course sequences*
 - *Where you have options and what those options are*
 - *GPA and grade requirements*
 - *Graduation requirements*
2. Registering **ON TIME** to have best access to courses (take care of holds ahead of time)
3. Preparing for **Graduate School** self-sufficiently, early, and using your resources:
 - Research which graduate programs you plan to apply to
 - Check the course pre-requisites, other application requirements, and deadlines of those schools (all available on each school's website)
 - Incorporating your grad program pre-reqs into your degree at an **appropriate time** (PT and OT should aim to get pre-reqs done **before** senior year)
 - Join the appropriate **Registered Student Organization** early, which will help you prepare to apply and provide mentoring for the process (STARS, PPTA, NSSLHA, FOTA, MPO).
4. Advocating for yourself and being **proactive**
5. Asking questions if any part of your degree plan is unclear – ask your advisor!

All RHSC students with 0-45 credits are advised by the Academic Advising Center.

Once you reach 46 credits, your advisor is in the CHS Student Support Center:

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DRSC CLASS OFFERINGS (subject to change)

Class	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Fall 2026
DRSC 2301	✓		✓
DRSC 3302	✓		✓
DRSC 3311	✓		✓
DRSC 3312	✓		✓
DRSC 3313	✓	✓	✓
DRSC 4301	✓		✓
DRSC 4302	✓		✓
DRSC 4311	✓		✓
DRSC 4312	✓		✓
DRSC 3330 (elective)		✓	
DRSC 3331 (elective)			
DRSC 3332 (elective)		✓	
DRSC 3401 (elective)	✓	✓	✓
DRSC 4330 (elective)	tent.		
DRSC 4331 (elective)			

Contact Dr. Valencia (cvalencia4@utep.edu) with questions about DRSC Course Offerings.

BS-RHSC Elective Options: The below list is the “pre-approved” BS-RHSC electives list for PT, OT, RC, and INHS.

- If you are in the **Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (INHS)** concentration, please review your specific degree plan for additional elective options.
- If you are in the **Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS)** concentration, please review your specific degree plan for elective options.
- **PT Concentration** Students – remember you can only count **3 cr.** of lower-division courses (1000 or 2000 level) toward your 15 cr. of BS-RHSC electives.
- Students are responsible for checking and making sure they have met pre-requisites for BS-RHSC Electives (pre-reqs are listed in the course descriptions here: <http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/course-descriptions/>)
- For those of you on older versions of the degree plans, courses below are **additional options** for the concentrations listed. If a course below is not listed on the degree plan you received, you must request the substitution by emailing the course you wish to take to your advisor (see page 1). **If this is not submitted, the course will not count.**
- If you wish to take a class **not** listed on your degree plan or on the list below for a BS-RHSC elective, you must submit the request via email to your advisor with a **rationale** as to how that course fits into your professional plans.

Course	PT	OT/RC	INHS
ANTH 4363 Medical Anthropology	X	X	X
BIOL 3320 Genetics	X	X	X
BIOL 4388 Mammalian Physiology	X		
DRSC 3330 History of Disability and Rehabilitation	X	X	X
DRSC 3331 Evidence Based Practice in Rehabilitation	X	X	X
DRSC 3332 Global Health Issues*	X	X	X
DRSC 3401 Gross Human Anatomy	X	X	X
DRSC 4330 Clinical Research in Rehabilitation Sciences	X	X	X
DRSC 4331 Assistive Technology in Rehabilitation	X	X	X
HSCI 1301 Foundations of Health Science and Health Promotion	X	X	X
HSCI 2302 Fundamentals of Nutrition	X	X	X
HSCI 2303 Wellness Dynamics	X	X	X
HSCI 3301 Community Health	X	X	X
HSCI 3304 Health Perspectives in Aging		X	X
HSCI 3306 Environmental Health	X	X	X
HSCI 3307 Death, Dying and Bereavement		X	X
HSCI 3308 Disease Characteristics	X	X	X
HSCI 3311 Introduction to Epidemiology	X	X	X
HSCI 3312 Theories and Methods of Behavior Change	X	X	X
HSCI 3313 Foundations of Global Health*	X	X	X
HSCI 3395 Seminar in Current Issues in Global Health	X	X	X
HSCI 4304 Public Health Administration	X	X	X
KIN 3332 Motor Behavior**	X	X	
KIN 4312 Exercise Physiology**	X		
KIN 4313 Biomechanics**	X		
MICR 2340/2141 General Microbiology w/Lab	X		
PHYS 1403 General Physics I		X	X
PSYC 2302 Social Psychology	X	X	X
PSYC 3201/3101 Gen Experimental Psychology + Lab	X	X	X
PSYC 3320 Learning & Memory	X	X	X
PSYC 3330 Sensation & Perception	X	X	X
PSYC 3331 Cross-Cultural Psychology	X	X	X
PSYC 3347 Behavior Modification	X	X	X
PSYC 3348 Cognitive Psychology	X	X	X
PSYC 3350 Health Psychology	X	X	X
PSYC 4313 Physical & Cognitive Aging	X	X	X
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology		X	X
SOCI 3362 Medical Sociology	X	X	X
SOCI 4348 Sociology of Disability	X	X	X
SPLP 1300: American Sign Language***	X	X	X
WS 3375 Women's Health	X	X	X
WS 3394 Gender, Health, & Medicine	X	X	X
ZOOL 4181 Vertebrate Physiology Methods	X		
ZOOL 4380 Vertebrate Physiology	X		

*HSCI 3313 is the same class as DRSC 3332; credit can only be earned for one of the classes.

**You must email your advisor if you want permission to take any KIN classes – departmental permission required and pre-requisites must be met

***Students interested in taking SPLP 1300 must reach out to advisor to request approval for course to count towards RHSC electives.

Additional Important Notes for all RHSC students:

- **RHSC GPA: 3.0 cumulative GPA is required to stay in good standing in the BS-RHSC major**
 - To be competitive for graduate school, you should work to get your GPA **significantly** higher than a 3.0 (3.5+ recommended)!
 - Graduate programs look at your overall GPA but also specifically at the **pre-requisite GPA**, so keep that in mind.
- If you fall below a 3.0 GPA, you will get an **Academic Warning**. You have the next 12 credit hours to bring your cumulative GPA up to the 3.0.
 - If you **do not** reach the 3.0 GPA at the end of the academic warning period, you will be required to change your major. You will be **dropped** from any DRSC or SPLP courses that are on your future schedule if you are dismissed from the RHSC major.
- **DRSC Course Grades:** Students who receive a 'D', 'F', or more than two 'C' grades in their DRSC Core courses will be required to change majors.
- If you have issues registering for DRSC, SPLP or any other courses, email your advisor **after** checking that you have met the pre-requisites and that the courses are listed on your degree plan.

Additional Information for Speech Students

- All SPLP courses require departmental permission.
 - Permissions will be given to courses that are **on your sequence** (SEE SEQUENCE BELOW)

SPLP Sequence (also on your Degree Plan)

Semester	2-Year Sequence		3-Year Sequence		Semester
FALL 1	SPLP 1312, 3312, 2313, 3310	12 cr.	SPLP 1312, 3312	6 cr.	FALL 1
SPRING 1	SPLP 3313, 3314	6 cr.	No SPLP courses	--	SPRING 1
SUMMER 1	No SPLP courses	--	No SPLP courses	--	SUMMER 1
FALL 2	SPLP 2320	3 cr.	SPLP 2313, 3310	6 cr.	FALL 2
SPRING 2	SPLP 3318, 4309, 4312	9 cr.	SPLP 3313, 3314	6 cr.	SPRING 2
SUMMER 2	SPLP 4310, 4311	6 cr.	No SPLP courses	--	SUMMER 2
		36 cr. total	SPLP 2320	3 cr.	FALL 3
			SPLP 3318, 4309, 4312	9 cr.	SPRING 3
			SPLP 4310, 4311	6 cr.	SUMMER 3
			36 cr. total		

- You cannot start the SPLP sequence in spring semesters – it only starts in **fall** semesters.
- If you have not yet started the sequence and you are above 46 credits – you will be placed on the 2-year sequence starting in **Fall 2026**. This will allow your earliest graduation date to be August 2028.
 - If you wish to pursue the 3-year sequence instead (earliest graduation date: August 2029), please contact your advisor (See page 1).
- It is strongly suggested that you take BIOL2311/2111 **before** starting the SPLP sequence.
- If you have started the sequence – keep going!
- Remember you must earn Cs in each SPLP class to progress on to the next semester of the SPLP sequence.
- SPLP 1312 (Fall) may be taken prior to starting the SPLP sequence – check with your advisor.