Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation & Disability Studies

**COURSE SELECTION**

**FRESHMAN**
- Concentrate on taking University Core coursework
- Complete RSED 3020 Intro to Rehab and RSED 3120 Assessment in Rehab
to become more familiar with the major and to build upon in future courses
- Review elective options with your academic advisor and faculty advisor to make sure the most appropriate ones are selected or being selected

**SOPHOMORE**
- Start your practicum hours to progress through the major as well as gain experience
- Schedule RSED 4100 Professional Communications in Rehab during your senior year
- Work on completing all necessary coursework and practicum hours for graduation
- Successfully complete internship

**JUNIOR**
- Continue to meet regularly with your academic advisor
- Meet with your faculty advisor as needed to discuss individual progress and program expectations
- Meet with your academic advisor and faculty advisor as needed to ensure all graduation requirements are met
- Ask the Career Center for help in updating your résumé and preparing for job interviews
- Identify potential reference letter writers early
- Schedule a mock interview through the Career Center

**SENIOR**
- Examine career opportunities related to the field of rehabilitation
- Explore graduate or professional school opportunities
- Participate in career fairs sponsored by the Career Center
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**ASK FOR ASSISTANCE**
- Check in each term with your academic advisor in Professional Education Services (3464 Haley) to discuss your progress and available support services
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**GAIN EXPERIENCE**
- Volunteer with community and campus organizations such as Best Buddies or Project Uplift
- Take advantage of opportunities to observe or shadow professionals in your field; consider different opportunities that could develop into practica or internships for junior and senior year
- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major
- Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work
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**GET INVOLVED**
- Join the College of Education Student Council
- Utilize AUInvolve to identify organizations of interest
- Explore how to become involved in professional organizations such as Alabama Rehabilitation Association, National Rehabilitation Association, and the National Council on Rehabilitation Education
- Apply to become a College of Education Student Ambassador
- Pursue leadership roles in an organization
- Develop professional relationships during field experiences
- Connect with AU alumni and stakeholders to enhance professional opportunities

**Career Planning**

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303 Mary Martin Hall | auburn.edu/career

Rehabilitation Counselor
Minimum Education: Masters Degree
Entry Level Salary Range: $35K - $45K

Special Education Teacher
Minimum Education: B.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $36.1K - $51.2K

Physical Therapist
Minimum Education: D.P.T.
Entry Level Salary Range: $54.5K - $84.4K

These are just three options out of many that rehabilitation and disability studies majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.

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