

# Making the Most of Open House

The University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences offers more than 27 undergraduate and graduate programs across 13 different disciplines. Open House provides you the opportunity to explore these programs, speak directly with faculty and current students, and obtain information about admission and campus life all in one location! The following suggestions are offered to help you make the most of your visit with SHRS.

## Before the Event

- Research the programs available at SHRS.
- Prepare questions for faculty and student representatives. Questions may address financial aid, program requirements, course offerings, facilities, location, student life, faculty, and program reputation. See below for some examples!
- Be prepared to answer questions such as:
  - Why do you want to attend graduate school? When?
  - What would you like to do with this degree?
- Dress casually, but appropriately. Remember, you want to make a good first impression.
- Give yourself plenty of time. Arrive early and take a few minutes to review the table map and presentation schedules.

## During the Event

- Introduce yourself before asking your questions. Conduct yourself in the manner you would like to be remembered.
- If there is not enough time to ask all your questions, ask how you can obtain further information.
- Pick up brochures and information offered.
- After talking with a representative make some quick notes on the information you received.

## After the Event

- Follow up with any additional contacts recommended to you.
- Take advantage of contacts made during the event and ask any follow up questions that occur to you.
- Review the printed materials you collected. Ask for clarifications.

## Possible Questions

### For Faculty and Admissions Staff

#### Admissions

- Who makes the admissions decisions and what are they looking for in a qualified candidate?
- Do I have the prerequisites required? SHRS Admissions will be present to assist with prerequisite questions – remember to bring a copy of your transcript!
- What is the best way to highlight a special project (research, internship, etc.) in the application?
- How do I transfer to Pitt before entering SHRS? The University of Pittsburgh Office of Admissions will be present to help answer this question and more!

#### Program

- Does this program provide depth or breadth of the subject material?
- What are the course and thesis requirements of the degree?
- What are the advantages to the programs clinical model?
- How can I tailor the curriculum to my interests?
- What is the student/faculty ratio?
- What are the faculty research specialties?

#### Student Body

- How diverse is the student body?
- How many students apply each year? How many are accepted each year?
- Do current students obtain internships? Where?
- How many students complete the program? How many pass certification exams?
- Where do graduates obtain employment?

### For Current Students

- Why did you choose this program?
- What are your plans after graduation?
- What is your favorite thing about the program? School? Pittsburgh?
- How did you prepare for admission?
- Does the program feel competitive? Are students supportive of one another?
- Is there an active student organization?