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- An interactive experience in one of the ability labs
 - Panel discussions on a particular clinical specialty or hospital administration/operational topics (limited availability)
 - A behind-the-scenes tour of our new research hospital
- research hospital. The course will include:
- Want to learn more about this new approach to clinical research and patient care? Join us for the AbilityLab Immersion Experience, a half-day program where you will gain insight into the AbilityLab prototype that was tested over seven years and see how these innovations have been implemented in the new research hospital. The course will include:

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RIC's mission has always included the dissemination of knowledge through education and training. For the past 57 years, the RIC Academy has been a dynamic part of fulfilling that vision. As our organization takes its next step in transforming rehabilitation, the AbilityLab Academy is committed to bringing new and innovative opportunities to learn. Whether it's an in-person course on the latest research in stroke or an on-demand webinar on the management of mild cognitive impairment in TBI, you will have a chance to engage with our expert faculty and your peers in new ways.

Come Learn with Us

INNOVATION CENTERS

The AbilityLab introduces its revolutionary model of care through five Innovation Centers. Each Innovation Center focuses on an area of biomedical science with extraordinary promise. Each patient room is fitted with all of the latest smart-room, bed-surface, electronic, technical, mobility and therapeutic devices and equipment.

- Brain Innovation Center
- Spinal Cord Innovation Center
- Nerve, Muscle + Bone Innovation Center
- Pediatric Innovation Center
- Cancer Rehabilitation Innovation Center

ABILITY LABS

Traditional therapy gyms will be replaced with five ability labs where researchers, clinicians and patients work side by side imbedding science and innovation into patient care. These are organized by functional outcome rather than by diagnosis, allowing for unique specialization of the staff:

- Think + Speak
- Legs + Walking
- Arms + Hands
- Strength + Endurance
- Pediatric

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A New Kind of Research Hospital

The Shirley Ryan AbilityLab is revolutionizing the future of rehabilitation. It is designed explicitly for the practice of "translational research" — a model of medical care in which research is integrated into the patient care environment to speed innovations and ensure that patients receive the best proven care available. While traditional rehabilitation focused on helping people adjust to a disability, the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab is focused on accelerating outcomes and ability. While discovers traditionally take 10+ years to disseminate into practice, we are streamlining that process to help patients now.

"By the time studies appear in literature, the information is no longer current. Here, through our day-to-day interactions with researchers, we have the opportunity to start implementing findings immediately after they are proven to be beneficial."

— RIC Physical Therapist

We've designed this new model so that research will be conducted in treatment areas, in five unique ability labs. This will fundamentally change the process of discovery and implementation of new ideas. Researchers, clinicians and patients will benefit from:

- Research focused on clinical issues
- Reduced time to share and implement new ideas
- Easier access to new research populations including inpatients
- Real-time learning between patients, clinicians and scientists
- Peer-to-peer learning between inpatients and outpatients

A New Name

We're changing our name to the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab to match our singular focus on Advancing Human Ability and the importance that science and clinical care will play in that quest.

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