



The Master of Physical Therapy Program

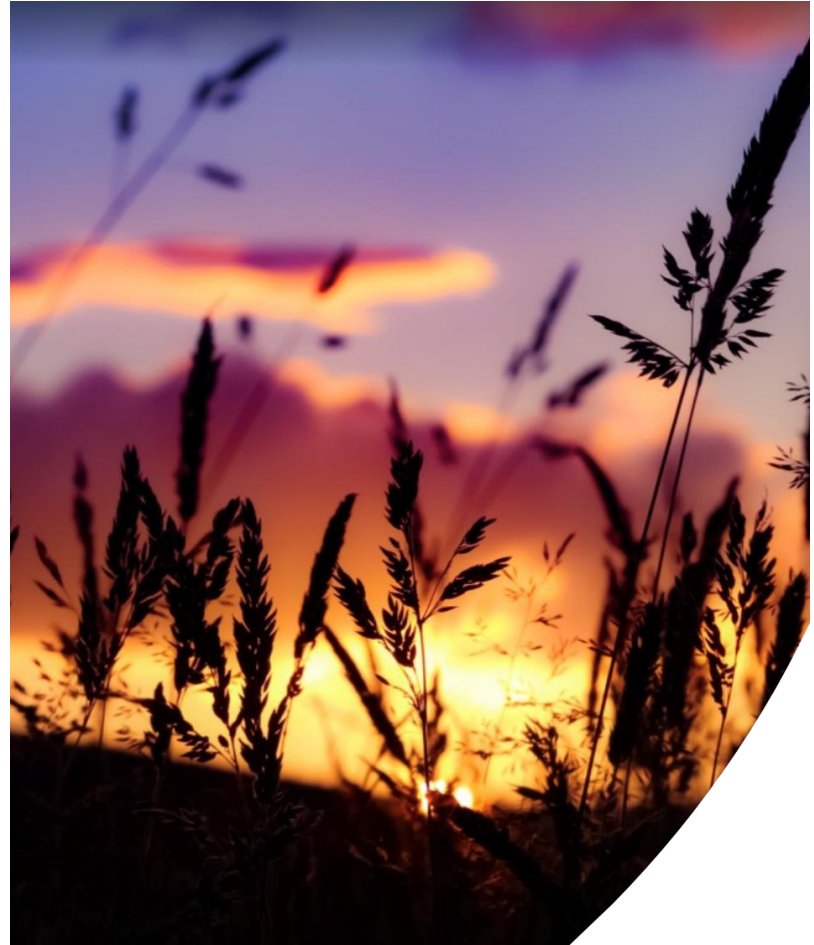


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Land Acknowledgment

These lands have been home to Indigenous peoples for thousands of years, and their stewardship and connection to the land is deeply intertwined with their culture, history, and identity. As we acknowledge the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples of Saskatchewan, let us reflect on the ongoing work of reconciliation, the importance of respecting Indigenous rights and knowledge, and the need to collaborate with Indigenous communities in protecting and preserving the land, waters, and culture for present and future generations.



Overview

- Introductions
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Physiotherapy = Physical Therapy



- The fifth largest group of health professionals in Canada
- Primary care practitioners who analyze, diagnose, treat, and educate their clients to improve health

[Value of physio](#)

Physical Therapy is Grounded in Movement Science

- Physical Therapists focus on disorders of movement and function
- Principles of care:
 - a) Collaborative (patient, other team members)
 - b) Evidence based (research)
 - c) Reasoned (life sciences)



Physical Therapists provide health services:

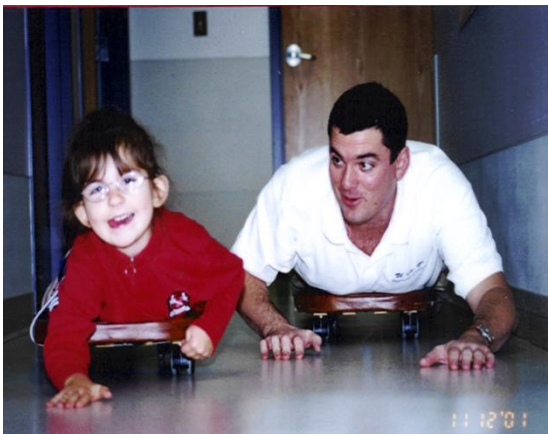


. . . across the lifespan





... For numerous conditions ...
in a variety of settings



Objective of the Master of Physical Therapy

- To provide the graduate with entry level requirements to practice Physical Therapy
- Initial work expectations of graduates will continue to be the provision of direct client care



Program Overview



- a) Science foundations
- b) Lecture and Lab
- c) Case Integration
- d) 30 weeks of Clinical Practice



Job prospects are great!

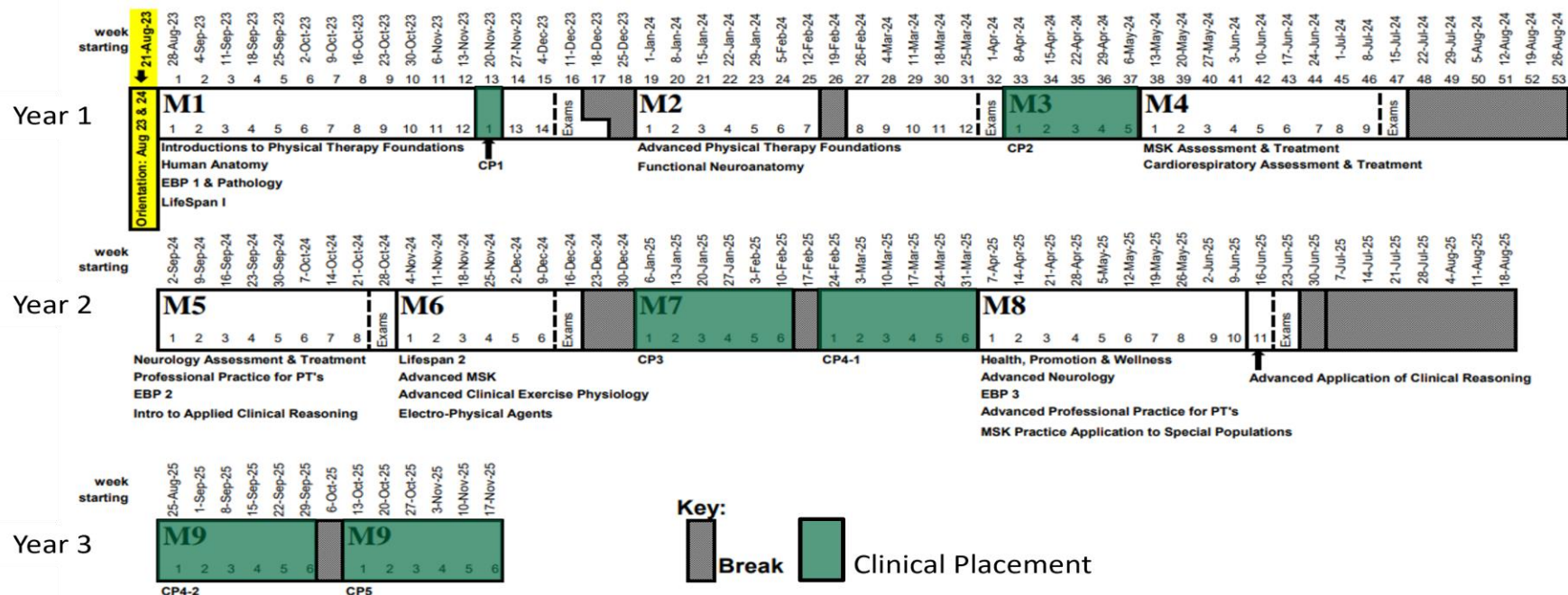
- 3 months prior to graduation many students in the graduating class already have job offers!



9 Modules:

2 years + 3 months of full-time study

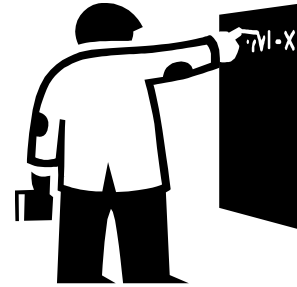
- Begin end of August
- End mid-November
- Periodic breaks including 6-8 weeks in summer
- Clinical placements are disbursed among the didactic teaching



Clinical placements

- 1/3 of curriculum
- 5 placements in:
 - a) Various settings e.g. hospital, rehabilitation centres, private clinics
 - b) Settings that treat different types of patient conditions e.g. neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory
- Some placements will be in locations outside of Saskatoon.

The Student Experience



Social Events



Fun and Fundraising



Interprofessional Education

- **Student conference**
 - a) **IPE (Interprofessional Education)**

- **Student run clinic**
 - a) **SWITCH (Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health)**



Admissions Requirements



Bachelor's Degree

- Must hold a 4-year baccalaureate degree (any discipline) from a college or university of acceptable standing



Prerequisite Classes

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Human Anatomy	CPPS 310.3 (formerly ACB 310.3)	KIN 260
Human Physiology	CPPS 302.3 (formerly PHPY 302.3 <u>and one of</u> NEUR 301.3 (formerly PHPY 301.3), CPPS 303.3 (formerly PHPY 303.3), NEUR 350.3 (formerly HSC 350.3) OR BMSC 207.3 and BMSC 208.3 PHSI 208.6	Both of: KIN 267 and 268
Statistics	Stats 245.3 or PLSC 214.3 (formerly PLSC 314.3)	- STAT 100 <u>and</u> 200 or: - STAT 160

**Additional approved pre-requisites
can be found on the SRS website.**

****Applicants must seek and receive approval for equivalent courses from the Admissions Committee well in advance of application.***

Residency Requirements

- An applicant must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident AND be a resident of the Province of Saskatchewan, the Yukon, Northwest or Nunavut Territories.
- Refer to the link on the website for details at <https://rehabscience.usask.ca/mpt-admission.php#top>



How do I know if I have what it takes?

- Read: “Essential Skills and Attributes” document

- a) Aptitude and Attitude
- b) Information gathering/sensory skills
- c) Communication skills
- d) Critical thinking skills
- e) Psychomotor/physical skills
- f) Emotional health



- [Link to document: https://medicine.usask.ca/policies/essential-skills-and-attributes.php](https://medicine.usask.ca/policies/essential-skills-and-attributes.php)

Education Equity Program for Indigenous Students

Eight positions for admission to the School of Rehabilitation Science will be designated for Canadians of Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) who meet the admission requirements.

Selection Process used for Admission

- The Overall Admission Score is calculated as

60% Academic Assessment

(admission average and pre-requisite threshold)

40% Non-Academic Assessment

(Casper[®] 80%/personal statement 20%)

CASPer[®] test <https://acuityinsights.app/casper/>

Assesses

- Casper[®] is an online, open-response situational judgment test (SJT). It asks what you would do in a tough situation, and more importantly, why. This helps determine behavioral tendencies of applicants pursuing people-centered professions.
- Collaboration,
- communication,
- empathy,
- equity,
- ethics,
- motivation,
- problem solving,
- professionalism,
- resilience,
- self awareness.

Admission Average

- ▶ Minimum Admission Average = 75%
 - Calculated using at least 60 credit units.
 - Most recent credit units at the time of applying (December 15, 2023).
 - For the purpose of calculating the Admission Average, terms are not divided – if only one course is needed to reach 60 credit units, all the courses in that term are taken.

Admission Average

- ▶ Minimum Pre-requisite course Average = 75%
 - Calculated using the most recent pre-requisite courses on the transcripts at the time of applying (December 15, 2023).
 - An average of 75% with a minimum of 70% on each course must be achieved on all pre-requisite courses for admissions consideration.
 - The applicant has until May 31 to submit outstanding grades or degree completion.

Accommodations


- Applicants requiring accommodations:
 - a) Review the Disability Accommodations Policy and the Essential Skills document
 - b) Contact Acuity Insights if accommodations are needed for the CASPer[®] test.
 - c) Discuss their situation with Access and Equity Services (AES)

Must be registered with AES at time of application to qualify for accommodations

Characteristics of successful applicants

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Applicants (n)	164	216	169	217	170
Average GPA Students (range)	86.9 (80-94)	88.8 (73-96)	87.5 (75-95)	87.1 (75-93)	86.2 (75-94)
Average Casper® score (range)	n/a	n/a	1.15 (0.17-2.16)	1.1 (-0.14-2.24)	0.94 (-0.3-1.98)

Selection of Applicants

- Meeting the admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.
 - The top 55 applicants based on the selection process will be invited to join the MPT program
 - If you have not finished pre-requisites or degree you may receive a conditional acceptance.
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- 20 Applicants are placed on the wait list

Important Dates

- Deadline for applications
 - a) December 15, 2023
- When will I know?
- Unofficial - by early April
- Official College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies offer – by the end of May



Application Process (2 parts)



1

Online
MPT
Supplemental
application
form



2

College of
Graduate &
Postdoctoral
Studies
Online
Application

- Check the Website for details.

Other Requirements

Prior to the first day of class in August:

- Updated C.P.R. certification equivalent to the Heart and Stroke Foundation Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers including the application of an external defibrillator device (AED).
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)
- Completed U of S Student Health Centre Immunization Record.
- Criminal Record Check including a Vulnerable Sector Check.



Is Physical Therapy the Career for You?

1. Reading
2. Volunteering
3. Contact Professional Association...
<http://saskphysio.org>
4. Physical therapist or facility in your community
5. Current students enrolled in the Master of Physical Therapy Program

Money Matters

- Expenses Based on 2023/2024 academic year
 - a) Tuition: \$23,084.00 for the full program
 - b) Graduate Student Fees: ~ \$3,484 (incl. Health/Dental, Transit, Student Wellness)
 - c) Supplies ~ \$555
 - d) + Books



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Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.) Program

Visit our Website for the most
up-to-date information at:

rehabscience.usask.ca/

Additional questions

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