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UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
School of
Rehabilitation Science
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OUR HISTORY

In the fall term of 1965, a diploma program in physical therapy was established at the University of Saskatchewan. Because of a severe shortage of physical therapists in the province, the program was designed to be a short course with the expectation that it would quickly expand into a degree program.

In the fall of 1973, the diploma program was extended to three years, and an optional four-year baccalaureate degree in physical therapy was established (B.P.T.). The next major change in the physical therapy program occurred in 1976 with the establishment of a School of Physical Therapy within the College of Medicine.

In 1981, a four-year baccalaureate degree in science in physical therapy, B.Sc.(P.T.) was established as the entry to practice professional degree. In 2007 the Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) program was established and the number of students admitted to the program increased from 30 to 40 per year with an additional increase to 55 in 2023.

Since its establishment the program has held full accreditation. A strong partnership with the clinical community has led to excellent recruitment and retention of our high-quality graduates. Approximately 90% of physical therapists in the province received their education at USask.

In 2018, the School of Physical Therapy became the School of Rehabilitation Science setting the stage for future program offerings. Saskatchewan's first ever Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology programs were announced in 2024 and are set to begin in fall 2026.



THE FIRST CLASS OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN CROSSED THE STAGE TO RECEIVE THEIR DEGREES IN 1967. OVER THE PAST SIXTY YEARS MUCH HAS CHANGED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING GRADUATE-LEVEL LEARNERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY.

