

**School of Rehabilitation Science**  
**Pre-Entry Requirement for Master of Physical Therapy (MPT)**

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification Requirements**

Students admitted to the Master of Physical (MPT) must maintain current certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) throughout their time in the program. At present this means a current proof of certification on entry to the MPT and re-certification every two years to meet most Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and clinical facilities' standards. Requirements across clinical sites can vary in terms of certification currency and level, therefore students must be prepared to meet at least this minimal standard of CPR certification as described below.

The requirement is the equivalent standard to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada's Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider, or Health Care Providers (C), which includes the application of an external defibrillator device (AED). There are other CPR providers which offer equivalent certification and these will be accepted. The following link will provide more information about the Heart and Stroke Foundation BLS Provider Course and assist in comparison for equivalence:

<https://resuscitation.heartandstroke.ca/courses/bls/description> .

It is best to contact agencies which provide CPR certification courses in advance to insure equivalency as described above. **Clarify with them that this also includes use of an external defibrillator device (AED).** Specify that you are a student at the School of Rehabilitation Science for consideration of a reduced rate. Saskatchewan Polytechnic and the College of Kinesiology, U of S, offer equivalent courses on a less regular basis. Students must inquire to insure the content is equivalent to the Heart and Stroke Foundation course when registering for CPR courses from other agencies. In other centres, inquire at your provincial Heart and Stroke Foundation office or at community colleges. *Clarify in advance the fee being charged.*

If the student has been certified within the 12 months previous to entry to the MPT, that certification is acceptable and proof of certification must be submitted by July 31 in the year of entry. However, if, on entry to the MPT, the certification is dated well in advance of beginning the MPT, the student will need to re-certify again while in the MPT to maintain basic level of CPR certification currency.

Students entering first year of the MPT must **submit a scanned copy of their Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification, including date of certification, by July 31**, to [pt.admissiondocuments@usask.ca](mailto:pt.admissiondocuments@usask.ca).