



# Master of Physical Therapy Program

School of Rehabilitation Science



BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

Information Session

# Land Acknowledgement

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As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

# Presentation Overview

- Introductions
- The Physical Therapy Profession
- The Master of Physical Therapy Program (MPT)
- The Student Experience
- Admissions Requirements and Process

# Physiotherapy = Physical Therapy

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



# Demand for Physiotherapy

- Canada Wide: 2022-2031
  - 14,300 new job openings (expansion, replacement).
  - 14,100 new job seekers (graduation, immigration and mobility).
  - Labour shortage conditions are expected to persist at the national level.
- Saskatchewan: 2022-2024
  - Employment outlook is good specifically in
    - Northern Region
    - Prince Albert Region
    - Regina-Moose Mountain Region.
  - Overall employment growth
  - Small number of unemployed workers.

# Value of Physiotherapy



# Physiotherapy: Grounded in Movement Science

Physical therapists focus on disorders of movement and function.

Principles of care:

- Collaborative (patient, other team members)
- Evidence based (research)
- Reasoned (life sciences)



# Physical Therapists provide health services across the lifespan and in a variety of settings





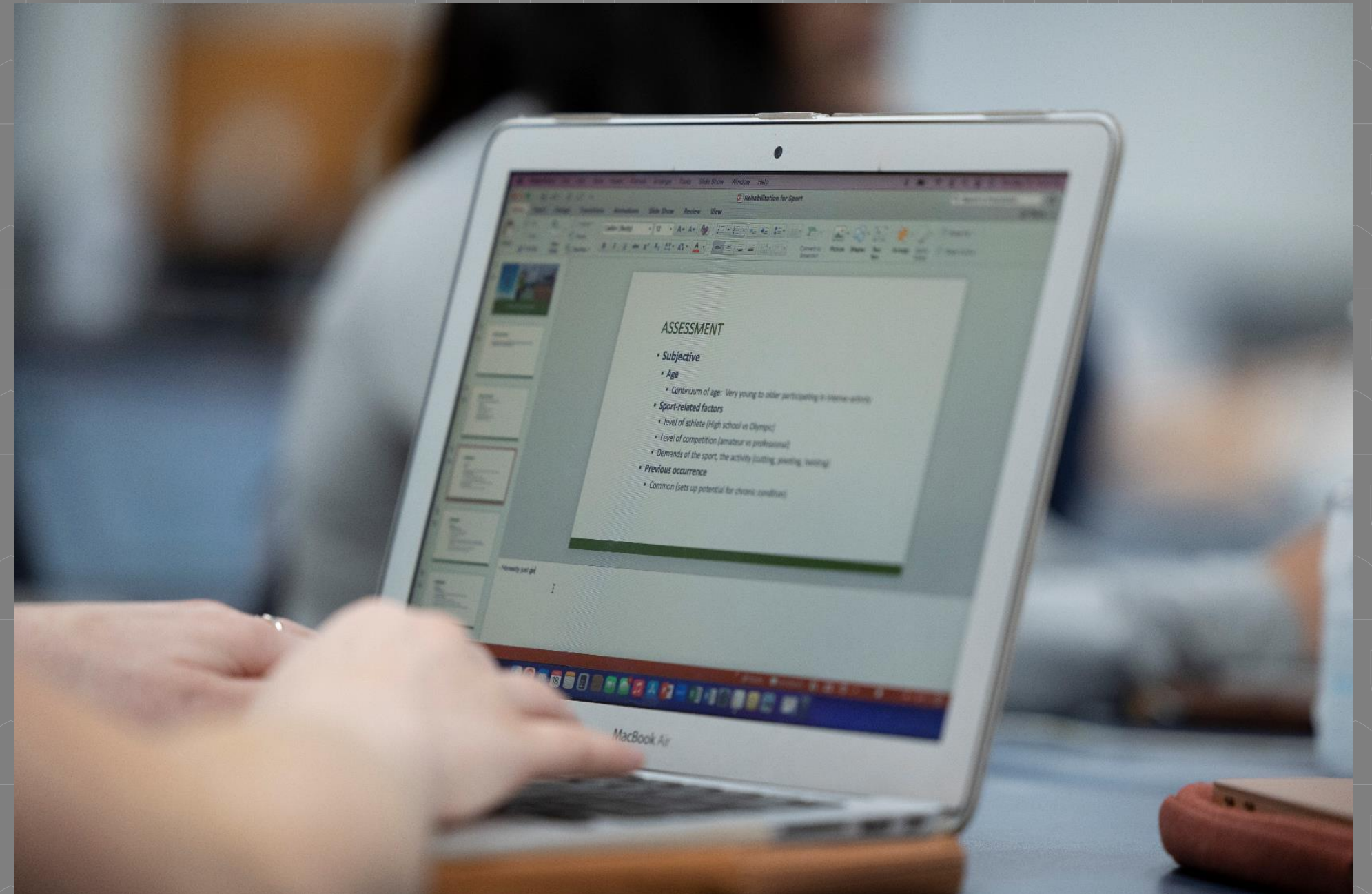
# Objectives of the Master of Physical Therapy Program (MPT)



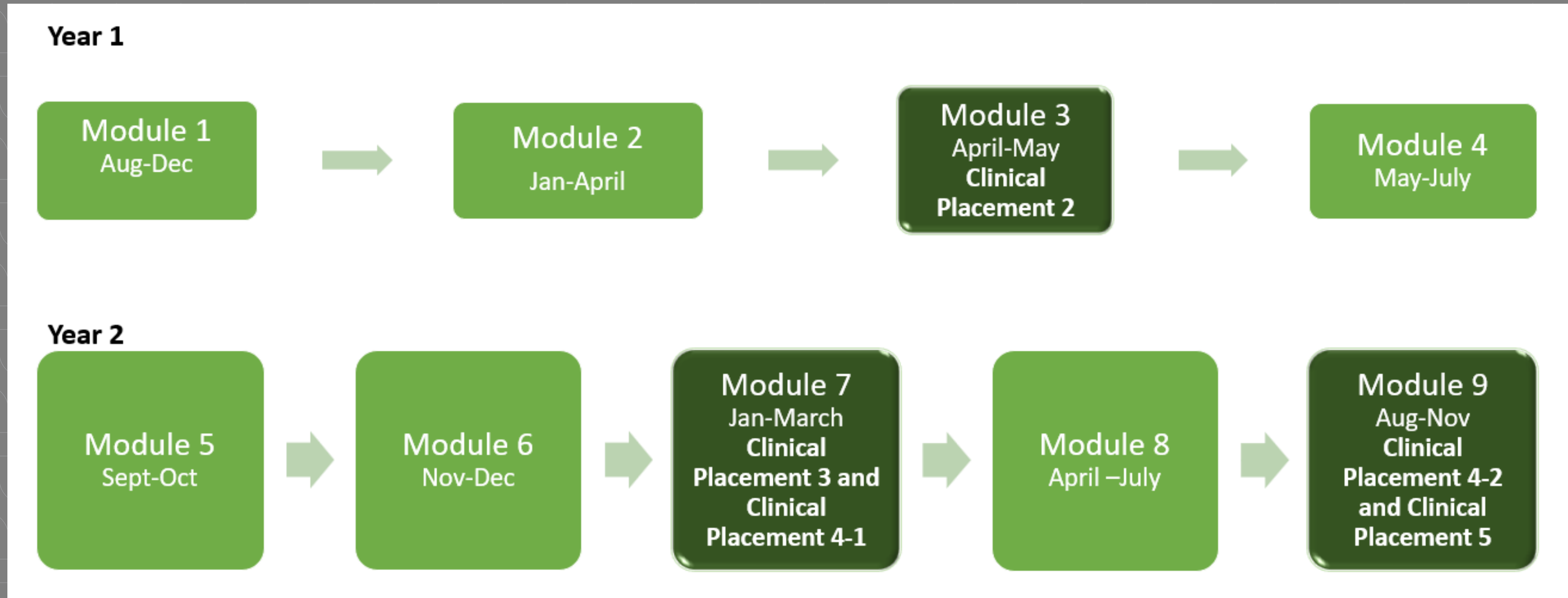
- To provide the graduate with entry level requirements to practice Physical Therapy
- Initial work expectations of graduates are to provide direct client care
- Job prospects are good – many students secure jobs prior to graduation

# Program Overview

- Science foundations
- Lecture and lab
- Case integration
- 30 weeks of Clinical Practice



# MPT Program Timeline



# The Student Experience

We have a very active Physical Therapy Student Society PTSS.

Our students engage in many social and fundraising events.



# Interprofessional Education

- Student Conference (IPASS)
- Student-run Clinic (Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health – SWITCH)



# Admission Requirements

- ✓ Must hold a 4-year baccalaureate degree (any discipline) from a college or university of acceptable standing
- ✓ Prerequisite classes: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Statistics
- ✓ Residency requirements: An applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident AND be a resident of the Province of Saskatchewan, the Yukon, Northwest or Nunavut Territories

# How do I know if I have what it takes?

Read “Essential Skills and Attributes” document

- Aptitude and attitude
- Information gathering/sensory skills
- Communication skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Psychomotor/physical skills
- Emotional health

## 1. Pre-application checklist and requirements

### Essential skills and attributes

Includes information about disability accommodation

- [The Essential Skills and Attributes](#)
- [Disability Accommodation Policy](#)
- [Disability Accommodation Procedures](#)

# Education Equity Program for Indigenous Students

The Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) academic program **maintains 8 Education Equity seats for Indigenous students** who meet the admissions requirements.





# Selection Process Used for Admissions

The overall admission score is calculated using:

- the Admission Average (weighted at 60%),
- the CASPer score (weighted at 32%), and
- The personal statement score (weighted at 8%)



# Admission Average

- ✓ Minimum admission average = 75%
  - Calculated using at least 60 credit units
  - Most recent credit units as of end of winter term 2025 (~April 30, 2025)
  - 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
  - **New:** A minimum 75% average is required on the pre-requisite coursework with a minimum grade of 70% on each pre-requisite course (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Statistics)

# Accommodations

Applicants requiring accommodations should:

- Review the Disability Accommodations Policy and the Essential Skills document
- Review information regarding CASPer

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# Selection of Applicants

- Meeting the admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program
- 55 students are accepted to the program each year



# Admission Statistics

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Applicants	216	169	217	170	194
Average GPA of Accepted Students (range)	88.8 (73-96)	87.5 (75-95)	87.1 (75-93)	86.5 (75-94)	86.5 (81-91)
Average CASPer Score of Accepted Students (range)	NA	1.15 (0.17-2.16)	1.1 (-0.14-2.24)	0.94 (-0.9-1.98)	1.0 (-0.07-2.20)

# Important Dates



## **Deadline for Applications**

**December 15, 2024**



## **When will I know?**

**Unofficially - Mid-May 2025**

**Official College of Graduate and  
Postdoctoral Studies offer - by the  
end of June 2025**

# Application Process



**Online MPT Supplemental  
Application Form**



**College of Graduate and  
Postdoctoral Studies Online  
Application**

# Other Requirements

(prior to the first day of class in August)



**Updated CPR certification equivalent to the Heart and Stroke Foundation Basic Life Support (BLS) Health Care Providers (C) including the application of an external defibrillator device (AED)**



**Completed USask Student Health Centre Immunization Record**



**Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Sector Check**



**Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)**



# Money Matters

Expenses based on 2023/2024 academic year:

- Tuition: \$23,084.00 for the full program
- Graduate Student Fees: ~\$3,484 (includes Health/Dental, Transit, Student Wellness)
- Supplies: ~\$555
- Plus books

\*\* Clinical placements are a mandatory component of the program and at least two placements will occur outside of Saskatoon. Students must cover the costs of travel and accommodations for these placements (each placement is 5-6 weeks in duration).

# Is Physical Therapy the Career for You?

- Volunteering
- Contact the Professional Association: <https://saskphysio.org/>
- Chat with a physical therapist or visit a facility in your community
- Connect with current students enrolled in the MPT program





We hope you will  
consider joining us  
in the MPT  
program!

