

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

OT AND SLP PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



**We are building
on what came
before us.**

We recognize the significant advocacy and hard work that the Saskatchewan Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology communities have engaged in to get support for these programs. Thank you. The future of rehabilitative services in Saskatchewan will be brighter for our families and communities due to your efforts.

Our Core Project Team Is Staffed

A Program Development Working Group (the Project Team) has been established to support the implementation of the Occupational Therapy (OT) and Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) programs within the School of Rehabilitation Science (SRS) in the College of Medicine. Our Implementation Coordinators for these programs are Tami Turner, an Occupational Therapist and former Manager of Professional Practice within the SHA, and Kara Broks, a Speech-Language Pathologist and owner of the Speech Language Network in Saskatoon.

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The Program Development Implementation Coordinators are part of the SRS, reporting to the Director of the School, Dr. Brenna Bath. They will benefit from the existing structures and supports within the SRS and contribute to the integration of these new programs into the School.

Additionally, the project team consists of professionals across the University who have expertise in key areas, including academic program development, communications, project management, and more.

We Will Be Seeking Your Input

The feedback received from Saskatchewan's Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology communities was crucial in creating the successful business case for these programs.

As we move into the next phase of this project, many of these insights will be utilized. In the coming months, we will engage with targeted stakeholders to further inform our program development activities.



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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to create modern and inclusive Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology programs that encourage graduates to remain and work in Saskatchewan. By fostering collaboration, innovation, and commitment to delivering these programs, we aim to improve the lives of people in this province by enhancing access to the transformative services provided by these professionals.

NEXT STEPS

SEPTEMBER 2024

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Creating these two academic programs from the ground up at the University, is an incredible opportunity to incorporate elements that are specific to the needs of Saskatchewan residents. Integrating these programs into the School of Rehabilitation Science will provide opportunities for collaboration and interprofessional learning that will translate into clinical practice, enhancing care for our communities. We are currently gathering information and establishing relationships with peer OT and SLP programs across Canada to understand the academic landscape and inform the development of progressive and innovative programs in Saskatchewan.

The Project Team will work in the coming months to establish program details, including course requirements, pre-requisites, and admissions criteria. As we move through this phase of program development, we will reach out to our OT and SLP communities and other key stakeholders to ensure that the needs of Saskatchewan residents are met. We understand that it is essential to have continued input from local practitioners to achieve our mission, and develop programs that Saskatchewan can be proud of.

If you would like to get involved and help inform how these programs develop, please fill out this survey. Scan or click here.



Stakeholder engagement continues

Development of program requirements

Space and capital specifications required

Staff and faculty recruitment

Academic approval

Program marketing and communications

Admissions opens

Admissions decisions are made

Finalizing curriculum, course materials, etc.

First student cohort begins



PROGRAM LAUNCH

Get in touch!

Email ot.slp@usask.ca with questions or suggestions.



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