

Master of Physical Therapy

Program Highlights, Admission Requirements, Expectations of Students



The Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.) program is a professional graduate program administered through the School of Rehabilitation Science (the School) and under the authority of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS).

The M.P.T. program is a full-time program over two years and 3 months and consists of nine modules that include classroom and laboratory work, and clinical practicum experiences.

In addition to providing a solid foundation in physical therapy theory and practice, the M.P.T. program is designed to develop skills in problem solving, self-reflection and independent learning; integrate science and practice; and address the changing role of the physical therapist in health care.

After 27 months of study, students are awarded their degree at fall Convocation and are then eligible to take the professional registration examination which, if completed successfully, qualifies a graduate to obtain a license to practice physical therapy in Saskatchewan and Canada.

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Admission

Applicants to the M.P.T. program must:

- Meet the School of Rehabilitation Science residency requirements.
- Hold a four-year baccalaureate degree (in any discipline) from a university or college of acceptable standing and be awarded the degree by spring of the year of proposed admission.
- Have completed the following pre-requisite courses with a minimum 70% grade on each pre-requisite course and a 75% average of pre-requisite courses. Note: applicants must seek and receive approval for equivalent courses well in advance of application.

Human Physiology – CPPS 302 (formerly PHPY 302), NEUR 301 (formerly PHPY 301), CPPS 303 (formerly PHPY 303), NEUR 350 (formerly HSC 350); BMSC 207 & 208 (formerly PHSI 208), or the U of R equivalent KIN 267 and 268

Human Anatomy – CPPS 310.3 (formerly ACB 210.3) or equivalent; or the U of R equivalent KIN 260 (formerly KHS 168)

Statistics – Stats 245.3 or PLSC 214.3 (formerly PLSC 314.3) or equivalent; or the U of R equivalent STAT 100 & 200, or STAT 160

- Provide official test results of English language proficiency, as applicable.
- Complete CGPS as well as School of Rehabilitation Science application forms.

Applicants with disabilities are advised to contact Access and Equity Services (AES) Office <https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/access-equity-services.php> (or 966-7273) prior to the application deadline if they anticipate needing disability-related assistance during the admission process.

Fifty-five students are normally accepted into the program each year. Applicants who rank the highest based on GPA (60%), CASPer score (32%) and personal statement (8%) will be offered admission.

The minimum cumulative weighted GPA should be at least 75% (USask grade system equivalent) in the last two years of full-time study (e.g. 60 credit units USask equivalent).

Education Equity Program

Each year, eight first-year positions are designated for applicants of Canadian Indigenous ancestry. To be considered for the Education Equity Program for Indigenous students, applicants must indicate that they are of Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit) and meet the usual entry requirements for the M.P.T. program. Applicants will be required to provide proof of Indigenous ancestry. For more information about the Education Equity Program, please contact the M.P.T. Academic Program Assistant.

Expectations of M.P.T. Students

Essential Skills and Attributes

Please refer to the school website for important information on the [Essential Skills and Attributes](#) needed to succeed in the M.P.T.

Clinical Education

In order to participate in clinical courses, students must comply with standard requirements such as:

- **Medical**
Students must have Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification (BLS-Health Care Providers-C) prior to the start of classes in August and re-certification annually.
- **Immunization**
Students must provide evidence of immunization status on entry into the program and maintain a current immunization status according to the guidelines and requirements of the school.
- **Criminal Record Check**
Students entering the School of Rehabilitation Science are required to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC), including a Vulnerable Sector Search (VSS) as a prerequisite to admission to the program. The CRC/VSS should **NOT** be done until admission to the program is confirmed.
- **Travel**
Students must be willing to travel and/or seek living accommodations outside of Saskatoon during clinical placements.

Course work

Full and punctual attendance at all lectures, laboratories, seminars and other scheduled components of the academic program, including the clinical component, is expected unless absence is unavoidably caused by health issues or compassionate reasons.

Employment while enrolled

Due to the highly intensive nature of the program, students may have limited time for employment.

Individuals are encouraged to visit the School of Rehabilitation Science website for up-to-date information on the program and School policies.

Students with Disabilities

Students registered with Access and Equity Services may be eligible for accommodations during the M.P.T admissions process and during the M.P.T program. For Policies and Procedures related to disability-related accommodation at the School of Rehabilitation Science, please refer to the School website.

Individuals wanting information specific to admissions may contact the M.P.T. Academic Program Assistant at (306) 966-6581, Email: pt.admissions@usask.ca or visit the admissions section of the School website at <http://medicine.usask.ca/admission-to-the-mpt-program/how-to-apply.php>

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