

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Faculty of Medicine



Bachelor of Science (Physical Therapy)
1999 - 2000 Calendar

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

For the first time, applicants seeking admission to the first year of the BScPT program will be applying using the new Ontario Rehabilitation Sciences Programs Application Services (ORPAS) application. The application packages will be available in mid-September 1999, and must be ordered from the Ontario Universities' Application Centre. To request an application, you can leave a voice message at (519) 823-1940, ext. 582 (24 hours a day), or go to their website <<http://www.ouac.on.ca/orpas/>> and choose the "Request an Application Package" option. The ORPAS email address for inquiries is <orpas@ouac.on.ca>. **The deadline for the application is January 17, 2000.**

Applicants are required to have completed a three or four year degree prior to entering the Bachelor of Science (Physical Therapy) Program. Any questions regarding the curriculum may be directed to the Department of Physical Therapy, telephone (416) 978-2765.

ADMISSION PROCESS

There are two main components to the admission process:

1) Academic Requirements The profession of Physical Therapy requires individuals with strong backgrounds in the physical and life sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Within the Physical Therapy Program the curriculum will incorporate learning in basic sciences such as anatomy, pathology and physiology. Applicants are required to have excellent written and oral English communication skills. Students will find university-level studies in biology, physics, computer literacy and mathematics/calculus helpful in successfully completing this program. Students without adequate backgrounds may find some courses difficult and may be required to prepare themselves further or to take remedial courses in addition to the Physical Therapy Program. Students should follow a program of study that will offer alternatives to physical therapy should they not be accepted.

i) Undergraduate Student Applicants

Applicants attending Canadian universities must complete a three or four year Canadian Bachelor's degree. Additionally, students taking programs leading to degrees in any discipline (e.g. Science, Arts, Engineering, etc.) may apply for admission during the third or higher years of university study (i.e. after completing 15 university credits during three years, or after completing 20 university credits during four years) provided they have fulfilled the prerequisite course requirements as outlined below. Students applying in the final year of a three or four year degree program must provide proof of completion of the degree requirements prior to enrollment in the Physical Therapy Program.

The program should show academic focus and the level of courses should also correspond to the year of their program. For example, a student who applies for admission while registered in the third year of undergraduate work should have at least three third year or higher courses in his/her program. Applicants who are not following a prescribed program are required to submit an explanation and description of the focus of their chosen program. Applicants registered in cooperative programs are advised to submit a separate letter detailing the schedule of their academic and work terms. Students applying in the third year of a four year degree program must provide proof that they have completed the requirements of that year of their degree prior to the date of enrollment in the Physical Therapy Program. Students with university education in any discipline are encouraged to apply.

ii) Graduate Student Applicants

Applications from students who are enrolled in the final stages of a graduate program will be considered for admission. Graduate students are assessed on the basis of undergraduate marks, graduate course marks, reference letters, publications and non-academic assessment.

Applicants attending non-Canadian universities must complete the equivalent of a three or four year Canadian Bachelor's degree. A grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (generally a 'B'

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average) is the minimum acceptable for applicants to be eligible to apply. For the admission process, all applicant transcripts (domestic or foreign) *are evaluated only upon completion of the applicant's file in the spring of each year.*

There is an initial screening of the academic qualifications of all applicants that further narrows the pool of applicants, and these top academically-ranked individuals will be invited to participate in the Personal Statement Component. Because enrollment is limited and admission to the Department of Physical Therapy is competitive, the possession of the minimum requirements does not assure acceptance.

2) Personal Profile Requirements

i) Autobiographical History: The applicant must record their OUAC reference number rather than their name and return a copy of the Autobiographical History. Provision of information on the application form is mandatory.

ii) Confidential Reference Forms: Applicants must use the two ORPAS Confidential Reference Forms included in the application. The academic referee should be someone who can address the applicant's aptitude for studies in a health profession. The other referee is a personal reference. The form must be submitted by the referee directly to ORPAS at the Ontario Universities' Application Centre.

iii) Personal Statement Component: The Personal Statement Component involves answering questions about the applicant's understanding of the field of Physical Therapy and involves answering other questions relating to their personal background/history. The administration part of the personal statement requires the applicant to be invited to attend the University of Toronto for the written component. This component constitutes a portion of the admission composite score.

When returning the completed application, applicants should paperclip (not staple) the materials.

Prerequisite Courses:

Applicants will be required to have completed at least two full course equivalents in Life and/or Physical Sciences (one full course equivalent of these two courses must be a human/vertebrate physiology course) and at least one full course equivalent in the Social Sciences, Humanities or Languages. Applicants are also required to have completed a university-level (half course equivalent) in Statistics.

*****All prerequisite courses must be completed by June 2000*****

Life Sciences may include such courses as: Anatomy, Biology, Basic Medical Sciences, Immunology, Pathology, and Physiology. **Physical Sciences** may include Astronomy, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, and Physics. **Social Sciences** may include Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, and Sociology. Psychology may be used as either a Life Science or a Social Science

If an applicant has a disability, that applicant is encouraged to arrange for an exploratory interview with the Department Chair to discuss any accommodations that should be made.