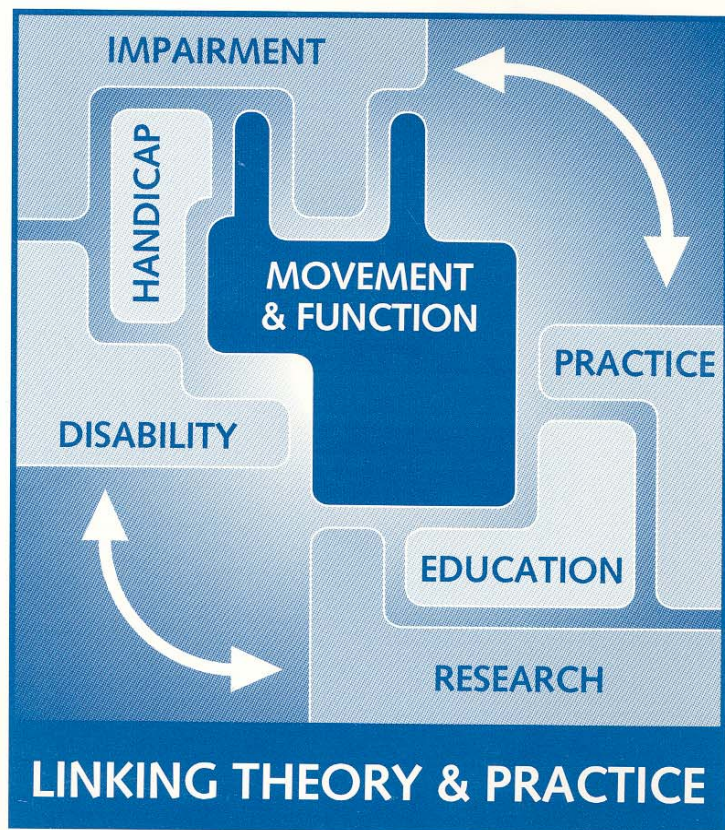




DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

CALENDAR



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U N I V E R S I T Y O F T O R O N T O

1) Academic Requirements

This component constitutes 60% of the admission composite score. The profession of Physical Therapy requires individuals with strong backgrounds in the physical and life sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Students should follow a program of study that will offer alternatives to physical therapy, should they not be accepted.

Within the Physical Therapy Program the curriculum will incorporate learning in basic sciences such as anatomy and physiology. Students will find biology, physics, computer literacy and mathematical skills to be helpful. Applicants are required to have excellent written and oral English communication skills. 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.

i) Undergraduate Studies 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 the date of enrolment 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 enrolment in the Physical Therapy Program. Students with university education in any discipline are encouraged to apply.

Applicants attending non-Canadian universities must complete the equivalent of a three or four year Canadian Bachelor's degree. Generally, a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.3 scale is the minimum acceptable for applicants to apply. **Because enrolment is limited and admission to the Department of Physical Therapy is very competitive, the possession of the minimum requirements does not assure acceptance.**

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, letters of reference, publications and non-academic assessment.

Prerequisite Courses: Applicants are required to have completed at least (2) full course equivalents in Life and/or Physical Sciences and at least (1) full course equivalent in the Social Sciences, Humanities or Languages. Applicants are required to complete a university-level (1/2 course equivalent) in Statistics.