

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Toronto offers a 26 – month Master's of Science in Physical Therapy Program (MScPT). Entry into the program requires completion of a four-year undergraduate university degree plus required prerequisites.

ADMISSION PROCESS:

There are two main components to the admission process, the academic and non-academic.

The profession of Physical Therapy requires individuals with strong backgrounds in the physical and life sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Applicants are required to have excellent written and oral English communication skills. Students will find university-level studies in physiology, anatomy, physics, computer literacy and statistics helpful in successfully completing this program.

1) Academic Assessment:

Undergraduate Student Applicants

Applicants must have a four-year University of Toronto bachelor's degree, or its equivalent from a recognized university, with a mid B average or better in the final year (i.e., 5 full course equivalents at the senior level). Students taking programs leading to degrees in any discipline (e.g. Science, Arts, Engineering, etc.) may apply for admission during the fourth year of university study provided they have fulfilled the prerequisite course requirements as outlined. Students applying in the final year of a four-year degree program must provide proof of completion of the degree requirements prior to enrollment in the Physical Therapy Program. The department will review the final two years of a four-year degree or the last 10 full course equivalents completed if final marks are not yet available as of **December 31st, 2004**.

Graduate Student Applicants

Applications from students who are enrolled in the final stages of a graduate program will be considered for admission. For the academic assessment, graduate students are assessed on their last 10 full course equivalents (undergraduate and graduate courses depending on their stage of completion of their program).

Non-Canadian Universities

For the admission process, applicants attending non-Canadian universities must complete the equivalent of a four-year Canadian bachelor's degree with a mid B average or better in the final year (i.e., 5 full course equivalents at the senior level). *Transcripts will be evaluated for equivalency.*

To facilitate this process, you may wish to contact WES (World Education Services) at <http://www.wes.org/ca/index.asp> to evaluate foreign credentials. (Applicants are responsible for incurred costs).

Prerequisite Courses:

Applicants will be required to have completed two full course equivalents in Life and/or Physical Sciences (one full course equivalent of these two courses must be a human/vertebrae physiology course); one full course equivalent in the Social Sciences, Humanities or Languages and half course equivalent in Statistics. All prerequisite courses must be completed within the last seven years or no later than June 30, 2005.

Examples:

Life Sciences: human/vertebrae physiology, anatomy, biology, basic medical sciences and pathology

Physical Sciences: chemistry, geography, and physics

Social Sciences: anthropology, economics, political science and sociology.

. Psychology may be used as either a Life Science or a Social Science.

Statistics: basic statistics, psychology statistics and quantitative research methods

2) Non-Academic Assessment

i) References: Applicants must submit two references using the ORPAS Confidential Reference Forms (R1 and R2), included in this application. Both referees should be individuals who can address the applicant's aptitude for studies in a health profession. References from family members and friends are not acceptable. The forms must be submitted by the referees directly to ORPAS at the Ontario Universities' Application Centre.

ii) Computer Administered Profile: There is an initial screening of the academic qualifications that narrows the pool of applicants. Only top applicants (ranked initially by marks) are invited to write the the Computer Administered Profile (CAP) on-site at the University of Toronto on April 30, 2005. The CAP is designed to assess personal characteristics/attributes, life experiences, knowledge of the profession, and critical thinking/problem solving skills. This component constitutes a portion of the admission composite score.

Application Materials:

Academic

In addition to a completed application package and the required transcript(s), applicants must also submit a completed Assessment of Academic Pre-Requisites Form. The Assessment of Academic Pre-Requisites Form 2005-2006 and instructions for completion can be found on the Supplementary Admissions Form (Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto) provided with the application. Applicants must attach a course description to the supplementary form for their life science, physiology, social science and statistics courses.

Additional information

Education Outside Canada: Applicants whose education was completed outside of Canada may apply if they have permanent residency/landed immigrant status, hold Canadian citizenship or have an appropriate student visa. They must apply in the same manner as all other applicants. To be considered, official academic records must be sent directly to ORPAS from the originating institutions. Photocopies of academic records may be used to process an application, but, applicants should note that official documents will be required before any firm offer of admission can be made. Official English translations done by a certified translator for all non-English documentation must also be submitted.

English Facility: Facility in the English language must be demonstrated by all applicants educated outside Canada whose primary language is not English and who graduated from a university where the language of instruction and examination was not English. Applicants must demonstrate facility in the English language through the successful completion of one of the English proficiency tests listed in the School of Graduate Studies Calendar. The Department of Physical Therapy requires that the **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**, accompanied by the **Test of Written English (TWE)** and the **Test of Spoken English (TSE)** be used to satisfy the requirement. TOEFL: minimum score of 600 on the paper-based test or minimum score of 250 on the computerized test. TWE: minimum score of 5 on either the paper-based or computerized tests. TSE: minimum score of 50. The School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto offers an **“English Advanced Academic Preparation”** minimum score B. This course meets the English Language Facility Requirement. Official English Facility results report must be forwarded to the Department of Physical Therapy no later than March 31, 2005. English facility test results are valid for two years.

Additional Information

One position per year may be made available for a qualified applicant of aboriginal ancestry. We are committed to ensuring that all applicants will be considered on an equitable basis.

Health Requirements: Registration procedures are mailed to newly admitted students and include an immunization record which must be completed in full. It requests information on tuberculosis and other chest diseases, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, diphtheria/tetanus and polio. Evidence of a tuberculin test is required prior to registration. Students are also required to provide a copy of a valid certificate in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) at the Basic Rescuer level. These requirements must be met so students are able to participate in clinical internships.

Students who accept an offer of admission to this program are required to remit a non-refundable enrollment deposit. The amount of this deposit is applied toward payment of the student's fees for the coming academic year. In the event that the applicant fails to enroll, the deposit is not refunded.

5) Application Package Information

To obtain an application, you must contact Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC):

- 1) <http://www.ouac.on.ca/orpas/> and choose the “Request an Application Package” option; or
- 2) ☎ (519) 823-1940, ext. 582 (24 hours a day)

If you have any questions regarding the Ontario Rehabilitation Sciences Programs Application Service (ORPAS) application form, please contact orpas@ouac.on.ca or (519) 823-1940 ext. 559.

NOTE: Application forms will be available late-September 2004.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2005. TRANSCRIPTS DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2005