

ADMISSION FAQS

What is the role of a Physical Therapist/Physiotherapist?

Physical Therapists are primary health care professionals with a significant role in health promotion and treatment of injury and disease. They combine their in-depth knowledge of the body and how it works with specialized hands-on clinical skills to assess, diagnose and treat symptoms of illness, injury or disability.

Is Physical Therapy the same as Occupational Therapy?

No. An OT is a health professional who works with people of all ages and conditions to enable them to lead satisfying and productive lives. Physical Therapists assist people with various physical disorders to overcome barriers to physical performance. PTs focus on decreasing the impact of disability and enhancing quality of life.

What are the admission requirements for this program?

- Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents
- Appropriate bachelor's degree with high academic standing from a recognized university, with a mid-B average or better in the final year (i.e., five full-course equivalents at the senior level)
- Prerequisite courses completed within the past seven years
- One academic reference and one professional reference; referees must complete confidential assessment form and a reference letter
- Computer Administered Profile (CAP) for invited applicants only

What university grades are required to be competitive in the admission process?

GPA is calculated based on the last 20 half courses completed by December 31, 2013. The GPA cutoff to be invited to the CAP is based on the applicant pool and fluctuates from year to year. The cutoff for an invitation to the 2013 CAP was 3.75. This is roughly equivalent to an A- average. For a grade conversion chart, visit www.ouac.on.ca/docs/orpas/c_orpas_b.pdf.

How many applicants applied last year?

For the 2013 admission cycle, we received 1,139 applications for 88 spots.

What types of degree are accepted?

Degree programs in almost any discipline (e.g., science, arts, kinesiology, etc.) are acceptable.

When do I have to graduate from my undergraduate degree to qualify for this program?

Students applying in the final year of their degree program must provide proof of completion of their degree requirements no later than June 30, 2014.

What prerequisite courses are required? When should they be completed by?

Prerequisite courses must be taken at the university level. All prerequisite courses must be completed within the last seven years, or no earlier than September 2007 and no later than May 31, 2014. Degree level distance education courses are accepted. Students are able to verify physiology and statistics/research methods courses from over 50 Canadian universities at <http://www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca/admissions/how-to-apply/prerequisite-verification>. Prereqs are:

- Two half courses (or one full course) equivalent in Human/Vertebrate Physiology
- Two half courses (or one full course) equivalent in Life and/or Physical Sciences
- Two half courses (or one full course) equivalent in Social Sciences and/or Humanities and/or Languages
- One half course equivalent in Statistics or Research Methods

What is the Computer Administered Profile (CAP)? When and where does it take place?

The CAP is a two hour exam with a series of short and long answer questions. The CAP is not a personal profile nor is it an MCAT-type exam; rather, it is designed to assess personal characteristics/attributes, life experiences, knowledge of the profession, and critical thinking/problem-solving skills. Typical questions will explore understanding of the profession and ability to problem solve. The CAP takes place on-site at the University of Toronto on Saturday April 26, 2014. In order to accommodate religious observances and special requirements there will be a secondary CAP on Wednesday April 23, 2014.

How do you decide who receives a final offer?

Selections are based on a combination of CAP exam score weighted at 40% and GPA weighted at 60%.

How do I apply for the program? When is the deadline?

Applications are available on the Ontario Rehabilitation Sciences Programs Application Service (ORPAS) website at <http://www.ouac.on.ca/orpas/> by mid-October 2013. The deadline for the 2014 cycle is 11:59PM EST on January 10, 2014, and the deadline for transcripts is January 31, 2014.

I've applied! When can I expect to hear from the department?

Review our important dates at www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca/admissions/how-to-apply/important-dates.

How much does the program cost?

For the 2013-2014 academic year, tuition fees were approximately \$10,617.28 for one full year of the Program (September through August). Similar fees would be charged in the second year.

How long is the program?

The MScPT program is 24 months in length, full-time, including summers. Students can expect to be in classes or in clinic from 8/9AM to approximately 3/4PM on most weekdays.

How many sites are affiliated with the program? What is your clinical catchment area?

There are approximately 171 clinical sites available for structured clinical sessions and clinical internship experiences. They range from acute general hospitals to long term care facilities, paediatric centres, out-patient clinics, rehabilitation centres, community care access centres, community services, northern sites, industry, private practices and administrative service locations. Our catchment area is located within the Greater Toronto Area and includes Oakville in the west, Ajax/Pickering in the east and Barrie in the north.

Is the MScPT program at U of T accredited?

The MScPT program has received the maximum accreditation award available from both the Accreditation Council for Canadian Physiotherapy Academic Programs (6 years, beginning 2010), and the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, the American body (10 years, beginning 2006).

What's the job market like in Physical Therapy?

The job market continues to be good. With the shift in health care from hospital to the community and private sectors, PTs are finding work today in many different settings.

I have more questions!

The U of T PT website has additional information on a variety of topics, including program curriculum, clinical education, profession details and faculty information. We also have an extensive FAQ page. Visit us at www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca and click "Admissions" for more information. To register for an October or November 2013 information session, visit www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca/admissions/admission-events. If you still require assistance, contact us at physther.facmed@utoronto.ca.