

Master of Science in Physical Therapy 2020-2021 Admission Requirements

Program Details: The Master of Science in Physical Therapy (MScPT) program at the University of Alberta is one of 15 physical therapy programs in Canada (10 English, 5 French). It is an accredited, graduate, professional, entry-level physical therapy (PT) program, and is one of the largest in Canada with approximately 110 students admitted per year. It is a year-round, full-time program and can be completed within 30 months of study. All Canadian entry-level PT programs graduate physiotherapy generalists and are not programs of specialization. National entry-level competencies must be acquired in all practice areas (musculoskeletal, cardiorespiratory, neurology, oncology, pediatrics, etc.) by the end of the program.

Quota: 110 Students. Preference will be given to residents of Alberta. A minimum of 15% of the available seats will be offered to out-of-province and international applicants.

Minimum Standards: Minimum GPA of 3.0 on the University of Alberta 4-point grading system or an equivalent standing from another recognized institution is required, but a GPA of >3.6 for Alberta applicants and >3.9 for out of province applicants on the most recent sixty applicable credits of study is recommended for a competitive application.

Please note: meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission.

Admission Requirements:

I. Completion of a 4-year, 120-credit (or equivalent) baccalaureate degree from an accredited post-secondary institution.

II. Prerequisite Courses:

- English (★3)
- Statistics (★3)
- Human Psychology (★3)
- Humanities/Social Sciences (★3)
- Human Anatomy (★3) – must be completed within five year of application
- Human Physiology (★6)
- Human Movement (★3)
- Canadian Indigenous History (★3 or completion of the Indigenous Canada MOOC certificate)

NOTE: Please see the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine website for details regarding specific courses.

III. Other Requirements:

1. English Language Requirements: Applicants must meet English requirements as specified in the University of Alberta Calendar including English Language Proficiency. Minimum English Language Proficiency scores can be found on the MScPT website.
2. Volunteer/Work Requirements: A minimum of 30 hours of volunteer or paid



experience with individuals who have cognitive or physical disabilities at no more than two facilities. The volunteer/paid experience should be completed within the last two years upon application to the program. Applicants are required to submit a Verification of Work Experience form from the primary work supervisor verifying the volunteer/paid work experience.

3. Multiple Mini Interview
4. Proof of Alberta Residency Status may be required
5. Departmental Supplementary Application

IV. Selection Process:

1. Interview Process: Applicants who meet all the application requirements will be ranked for an interview (MMI) based on their GPA in the most recent 60 applicable credits taken prior to January of the admission year. The top 30% (approximate) will be offered an interview. During the interview, invited applicants will move through a total of eight different stations, spending eight minutes at each station. A different interviewer will be at each of the stations, therefore an applicant has the opportunity to share his/her experiences and thoughts with a variety of individuals. The length of the entire interview is 64 minutes, plus registration and briefing time. Please visit the MScPT website for specific information regarding the MMI process.
2. Admissions Formula: GPA, MMI interview score and your anatomy grade are used to determine the overall ranking of applicants. A weighting of 50% MMI and 50% GPA is used. The combined scores are ranked and applicants are considered for admission based on composite score.

Deadlines:

Application Deadline for International Students: January 15
Application Deadline for Domestic Students: February 1