Academic Advisors

• The Academic Advisor is a resource person to students advising them on academic program and non-academic matters. Advisors ensure that students are aware of all program requirements, degree regulations and general regulations of the PT Department and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR).

• When students enter the MScPT (course-based) program, they are assigned to an advisor. Students are advised to consult their advisor if they experience any personal or academic problems that may affect academic performance.

• It is suggested that students and Advisors connect each term and try to meet at least once in each academic year.

• If students have any concerns about academic matters, they may seek assistance from a number of individuals:
  o Instructor (for academic course concerns)
  o Clinical Instructor/Supervising PT and/or Centre Coordinator for Clinical Education (for clinical placements concerns)
  o Academic Coordinator for Clinical Education – Heather Bredy
  o Block Coordinator (for concerns/suggestions about the block)
  o Academic Advisor
  o Associate Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy – Mark Hall (for concerns regarding the administration of the MScPT program)
  o Associate Dean of Professional Programs and Teaching in the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine – Liz Taylor (Academic records, admissions, academic integrity, academic standing and appeals)

• Students are advised to bring forward course concerns in the following order:
  o Students are advised to first consult the course instructor.
  o If the concern remains unresolved, the student may seek assistance/advice from the Academic Advisor.
  o If and when appropriate, the Academic Advisor may consult with the course instructor(s), the Block coordinator, and/or the Associate Chair.
  o If the Advisor is unable to help, he/she may refer the student to the Associate Chair. The student can also arrange to see the Associate Chair if he/she has concerns that the student feels are not being adequately dealt with by a course instructor, a block coordinator, or his/her Advisor.
  o Students are advised to immediately inform the Associate Chair if they plan to leave the program.

• If for whatever reason, a student feels that he/she is unable to work with the identified Advisor, the student may request to change Advisors. When this situation occurs, the students are asked to consult with all parties involved.

• At all times during the graduate training, students must have an Advisor. When the student’s Advisor is on leave, an interim Advisor will be assigned.

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