



Master of Science in Physical Therapy 2019-2020 Admission Requirements

Program Details: The Master's of Science in Physical Therapy (MSc PT) 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 credits of study is recommended for a competitive application.

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

Admission Requirements:

I. Prerequisite Courses:

Students must complete a 4-year University degree including the following courses:

- English (★3)
- Statistics (★3)
- Human Psychology (★3)
- Humanities/Social Sciences (★3)
- Human Anatomy (★3) – must be completed within the previous five years, and must be completed by the application deadline in the year of admission.
- Human Physiology (★6)
- Human Movement (★3)

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

II. Other Requirements:

1. English Language Requirements: Applicants must meet English requirements as specified in the University of Alberta Calendar including Spoken English language proficiency.
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 few 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. Interview
4. Proof of Alberta Residency Status may be required
5. Departmental Supplementary Application

III. 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 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 approximately 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 will be about 64 minutes.
2. Admissions Formula: Both GPA and interview score are used to determine the overall ranking of applicants. A weighting of 45% GPA, 5% anatomy grade, and 50% interview is used. The combined GPA and interview 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