

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY (MScPT)

COURSE-BASED PROGRAM

GENERAL ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL PRACTICE INFORMATION

MScPT (Course-Based) Program: The program will normally take 25 to 28 months of continuous study. The course of study is approximately 95 – 105 credits, including approximately 1240 hours of clinical placements. A minimum of 31 weeks of clinical practice are required in the program. The MScPT (course-based) program is offered at two of the University of Alberta's campuses - Main (North) Campus in Edmonton and Augustana Campus in Camrose. Of the approximately 85 students admitted to the program, 10 study at Augustana.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a baccalaureate (4 year) degree from the University of Alberta or its academic equivalent from a recognized academic institution with a grade point average of at least 3.0 in the most recent 60 credits (Approximately 490 applications were received for intake in Fall 2010. 2010 admission GPAs were >3.5). The baccalaureate degree may be in **any field of study** and must be conferred no later than June 15 in the year of admission.

1. Completion of five pre-requisite courses before June 15 in the year of admission:

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES	RDC COURSES
English (3 credits)	ENGL 219 (3)
Statistics (3 credits)	STAT 251 (3) or KNSS 209 (3)
Psychology (6 credits)	PSYC 260 (3) and 261 (3) or PSYC 260 (3) and KNSS 253 (3)
Human Anatomy ¹ (3 credits)	KNSS 200 (3)
Human Physiology ² (6 credits)	PSIO 258 (3) and 259 (3)

¹Only **human** anatomy accepted

²Only **human** physiology accepted

- 2. GPA Calculation:** Applicants who meet all the application requirements will be ranked for an interview based upon their GPA in the most recent 60 credits taken prior to January of the admission year. The minimum GPA requirement is a 3.0 or overall letter grade of B. Studio courses, activity courses, and practicum courses will not be used in calculation of an applicant's GPA. The top 30% (approximate) will be offered an interview. Applicants who are successful in passing the interview will then be considered for admission based on GPA.
- 3. Volunteer or Work Experience Requirements**
A minimum of 30 hours of volunteer or paid work experience with persons with cognitive or physical disabilities is required. Please contact the UofA for appropriate volunteer/paid work experiences.
- 4. Interview**
Subsequent to initial GPA ranking, potential MScPT program candidates will be invited to participate in a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). The MMI format is a series of short interviews based on predefined scenarios; it is designed to evaluate the interviewee's critical thinking ability, ethical decision making ability, communication skills and the non-cognitive/humanistic skills required for success in a clinical environment. The interview evaluation constitutes a significant component of the overall admissions assessment.
- 5. Alberta Residency Requirements**
Preference will be given to residents of Alberta. Approximately 15% of the available seats will be offered to out-of-province and international applicants.

6. English Language Requirement

Applicants must demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English. English is the primary language of instruction at the University of Alberta, and Physical Therapists within Canada require a high level of English language skills to effectively communicate with patients and other professionals.

7. Accommodation Policy and Procedure

The Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine supports the principle of accommodation and all reasonable efforts to meet students' accommodation needs including disability related needs of our students.

HOW TO APPLY

Application Dates and Cost: The application process for this academic year begins on **November 1, 2011** and closes on **February 1, 2012** for Canadian applicants. The deadline for International applications is **January 15, 2012**.

All applications are subject to a \$100.00 non-refundable application fee.

Application Process

Applicants must complete the following steps:

1. Submit the online application through the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
2. Submit the online supplemental application through the Department of Physical Therapy
3. Submit necessary transcripts and volunteer forms to the Department of Physical Therapy

SELECTION FOR ADMISSION

Selection of Applicants: All students begin the program with a 1 month residency in Edmonton to study anatomy and establish initial face-to-face connections with the colleagues they will be working with via technology throughout the remainder of their program.

- 110 students will be admitted in September 2012.
- Approximately 80 students will study at the Edmonton Campus, 12 at the Augustana Campus and 18 at the Calgary Campus.
- 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.

Aboriginal Applicants:

Two (2) of the eighty five (85) seats will be made available to students of aboriginal ancestry, as defined in the Constitution Act 1982, Part 2, Section 35.2. The Aboriginal seats will be offered to the two highest ranked Aboriginal applicants with a GPA that meets the minimum academic standard and is considered competitive within the program.

HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

University of Alberta

Department of Physical Therapy

Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/pt/index.cfm>

Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/pt/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.cfm>

For Questions About Applying to the MScPT Program Contact:

MScPT (Course) Student Records and Admissions

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