

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MASTER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (MPT)

Admission to the MPT program is limited to between 44 and 48 students per year. Applicants will be considered primarily on the basis of their academic record in the 10 full (or equivalent) university courses most recently completed as of the January 15 application deadline.

Admissions Prerequisites

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Four-year bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- Minimum "B" average in the 10 full university-level courses most recently completed
- Successful completion of prerequisite courses or equivalent (full list available at uwo.ca/fhs/pt)
- A letter verifying a minimum of 50 contact hours (paid or volunteer) with individuals who are cognitively or physically challenged
- Two standard letters of reference

Standardized forms, letters and an application package may be obtained from:
www.ouac.on.ca/orpas

MASTER OF CLINICAL SCIENCE (MCISc)

The deadline for September admission is March 1. Other applications may be considered after this date provided space is available.

Admissions Prerequisites

- Minimum of a bachelor's degree in a health profession from a recognized university
- Minimum "B" average over the final two years of a four-year undergraduate program

- Applicants to the Wound Healing field can be licensed/regulated health care professional from a discipline related to wound care
- Applicants to the Manipulative Therapy field must be licensed physical therapists and must have taken CPA NOD Level 2 Upper and Lower Courses and have 30 hours of mentorship completed according to the NOD syllabus
- All applicants must have at least two years clinical experience in the specialized field and be eligible to practice in Canada

For further application information please visit:

grad.uwo.ca/prospective_students/online_app.htm

Admission requirements are revised periodically and may change over time. Prospective applicants are advised to check the School's website for the most current information. Applicants with questions should contact the School of Physical Therapy for clarification.

FEES AND FUNDING

For detailed information on fees and funding associated with this program, please visit the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website - grad.uwo.ca

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of English language proficiency; the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) are recommended. Level 5 of the Fanshawe College English as a Second Language program is also accepted.

For more information about the professional and graduate programs and faculty, please visit the School's website at www.uwo.ca/fhs/pt or contact us at:

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Physical Therapy

GRADUATE PROGRAMS



The University of
Western Ontario



SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Physical Therapy program at The University of Western Ontario has been in operation for more than 30 years and is one of only two Canadian programs with American and Canadian accreditation.

Located in Elborn College on the southwest corner of campus, the School offers personal attention through low student-faculty ratios and boasts 14 full-time faculty, 15 physical therapy clinicians who teach part-time, and 10 physical therapy clinicians who teach sections of courses.

Outstanding physiotherapists in the community complement the learning environment. There are more than 110 clinical education sites in Western's catchment area and more than 420 clinicians who supervise the professional program students during their clinical placements.

The School of Physical Therapy, is home to, and affiliated with renowned research centres and laboratories, and is proud of its state-of-the-art facilities.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

PROFESSIONAL MASTER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (MPT)

MASTER OF CLINICAL SCIENCE (MCISc) – MANIPULATIVE THERAPY OR WOUND HEALING

MPT/PhD

MSc/PhD

PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROFESSIONAL MASTER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM (MPT)

A Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) degree is awarded upon successful completion of the 24-month professional curriculum, which includes 61 weeks of classroom/laboratory work and 30 weeks of clinical experience. There are five clinical

placements, each six weeks in length, which are completed during June – July of the first year, November – December of the second year and March – August of the second year. Students complete the academic program at the end of August of their second year and are then eligible to take the Physical Therapy registration examination. The program prepares students to function as entry-level physical therapists in a wide variety of practice settings.

This celebrated program utilizes various teaching methods (lecture, laboratory, seminar, case-method and problem-based learning, research projects and clinical placements) and prepares students for professional roles as clinicians, educators, consultants, and researchers in a variety of practice settings.

Licensing

Physical therapists must be licensed or registered in order to practice physical therapy in Canada. Registration requirements vary in each province, with some including successful completion of the Physiotherapy Competence Examination. In Ontario, the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (CPO) requires that all graduates pass the Physiotherapy Competence Examination before an independent license to practice is granted.

MASTER OF CLINICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM (MCISc)

The only program of its kinds in Canada, the Master of Clinical Science program is designed to offer an opportunity for experienced healthcare professionals to obtain advanced training in a clinical specialty. It is a course-work Master's program that is scheduled over one year (three terms) and delivered using a combination of online courses and onsite, one to three week residency periods during which clinical skills lectures and labs are provided. This MCISc program is designed to develop leaders in their clinical practice by integrating advanced clinical skills together with an enhanced knowledge of research methodology and professional issues.

There are two distinct fields of study in the MCISc program: Manipulative Therapy and Wound Healing.

Manipulative Therapy Field

The Master of Clinical Science in Manipulative Therapy is designed to prepare experienced physiotherapists to be competent in the assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal dysfunction and provide effective management of complex clinical presentations.

Wound Healing Field

The Master of Clinical Science in Wound Healing is designed to provide an educational experience at the graduate studies level that will focus on the development of specialized clinical skills and research methodology needed to assess and treat people with chronic wounds.

MPT/PhD PROGRAM

This program provides candidates with the opportunity to obtain the educational requirements for licensure to practice physical therapy, concurrent with the academic training to perform independent research in a topic related to physical therapy. Up to four students will be admitted to this program each year.

Students enrolled in the MPT/PhD will switch between enrolment in the MPT program and the PhD program in Health & Rehabilitation Sciences (Physical Therapy Field). The order will be individualized for each student.

MSc AND PhD

MSc and PhD degrees in Physical Therapy are available as part of the Graduate Program in Health & Rehabilitation Sciences.

LABORATORIES AND CENTRES

Beyond the facilities available on campus generally, the School of Physical Therapy is home to a number of centres and laboratories that are designed to facilitate the research efforts of graduate students and their advisors. The following briefly summarizes some of the major laboratories affiliated with the School. For a complete list and detailed information on laboratories and research centres visit www.uwo.ca/fhs/pt/research

- Pediatric Functional Motor Ability Research (**Dr. D. Bartlett**)
- Wolf Orthopaedic Biomechanics Laboratory (**Dr. T.B. Birmingham**)
- Facility for the Advancement of Musculoskeletal Health Research (**Dr. D. Bryant**)
- Integrated Community-based Arthritis Program (**Dr. B. Chesworth**)
- Physical Function and Aging Laboratory (**Dr. D. Connelly**)
- Motor Control Laboratory (**Dr. J. Garland**)
- Wound Healing Laboratory (**Dr. P. Houghton**)
- Cardiopulmonary Laboratory (**Dr. S. D. Lucy**)
- Clinical Exercise Physiology Assessment Laboratory (**Dr. T.J. Overend**)
- Neuromuscular Integration Research Laboratory (**Dr. A. Vandervoort**)
- Neuromuscular Performance in Older Adults Research (**Dr. A. Vandervoort**)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

For a full list of our faculty and their research interests, please visit www.uwo.ca/fhs/pt/research