UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR DECISION

PRESENTED BY: Ryan Brook, vice-chair, Academic Programs Committee

DATE OF MEETING: February 20, 2020

SUBJECT: Admissions Qualifications change – Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) program

DECISION REQUESTED: It is recommended:
That Council approve the proposed changes to the admissions qualifications for the Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) program, effective the 2021-22 admissions cycle

PURPOSE:
Changes to admissions qualifications require approval by University Council and confirmation by University Senate.

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:
The School of Rehabilitative Science and the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is proposing a change to the admissions qualifications replace the existing requirement of the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) with the Computer-based Assessment of Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer) online test and also to raise the minimum admissions average to 75% from the CGPS minimum of 70%.

The rationale for the proposed change from the MMI to the CASPer is, in part, the significant expense and time required to administer the MMI. Further, the MMI model created limitation for many applicants because of the need to travel for to attend in person, and there are challenges with inconsistency or bias on the part of the interviewed and raters, whether intended or not. The CASPer is a situational judgement test developed at McMaster University to assess an applicant’s personal and professional (non-academic) attributes in an online format.

Advantages of CASPer over the
MMI are the ability of students to complete the test in familiar surroundings, wider window of time to complete the assessment as part of their application, and decreased cost of travelling to attend the MMI, particularly for students from outside Saskatoon. Further, the CASPer has advantages for the faculty and staff of the School of Rehabilitative Science, as it will alleviate the time and financial burden of administering the MMI. Further, there will be greater consistency in assessment of student results. The majority of physical therapy programs in Canada have moved to the CASPer to replace the MMI or are using both tools simultaneously.

With regard to the proposed increase in the minimum admissions average from 70% to 75%, the rationale is that the current average listed is low compared to other USask health sciences programs as well as other Canadian physical therapy programs. Currently, the program has on average three to four times as many applicants as they have seats to accept and the average of students admitted to the program is steadily climbing (85.3% in 2016 and 86.9% in 2019). Analysis over the last 8 years shows a strong correlation between admissions average and academic success throughout the program.

This proposed changes were approved at CGPS’s Graduate Program Committee on December 11, 2019 meeting and were reviewed and approved by CGPS’s Executive Committee on December 16, 2019. The Academic Programs Committee reviewed this proposal at January 29, 2020 meeting. The committee appreciated that this change will ensure that the admissions requirements will recognize core skills in addition to academic skills and will ensure highly qualified applicants and so recommends that Council approve these changes.

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED:
University Senate will be asked to confirm this decision at its April 25, 2020 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Changes to the Admissions Requirements – Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) program.
MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Programs Committee of University Council

Copy: Cathy Arnold, Director, School of Rehabilitation Science

From: Office of the Associate Dean, CGPS

Date: January 21, 2020

Re: Changes to Admission Requirements – Master of Physical Therapy

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is recommending changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Physical Therapy program. The proposed changes include 1) replacing the Multiple Mini Interview with the Computer based Assessment of Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer), and 2) raising the minimum admission average from 70% to 75%.

Some professional programs at USask have replaced multiple mini interview requirements with CASPer already, and conversations suggest that we should anticipate additional programs proposing the change as well.

The Master of Physical Therapy program consistently admits students with averages in excess of the proposed minimum 75% average. Raising the minimum admission average would provide transparency for applicants’ expectations on admissibility.

The proposal was supported by the Graduate Programs Committee on December 11, 2019, and the Executive Committee of CGPS on December 16, 2019.

Attached please find the proposal with support from the review committees.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Clement at kelly.clement@usask.ca or 306-966-2229.
To: Academic Programs Committee (APC)

CC: Heather Heavin, Chair, Graduate Programs Committee, CGPS

From: Trever Crowe, Chair, Executive Committee, CGPS

Date: December 16, 2019

Re: Changes to Admission Requirements – Master of Physical Therapy Program

On December 16, 2019, the Executive Committee (EC) of CGPS considered a recommendation from the Graduate Programs Committee (GPC) to approve the changes in admission requirements to replace the Multiple Mini Interview with the CASPer and to raise the minimum admission average to 75%.

The EC remarked that this was a very well prepared package and raised only one question with respect to the package not referencing what the current admission average was (70%). No other questions were heard. The EC moved to approve the changes in admission requirements to replace the Multiple Mini Interview with the CASPer and to raise the minimum admission average to 75%

Newton/Jones ALL IN FAVOUR: CARRIED

The attached appendix provides additional background for consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Trever Crowe at trever.crowe@usask.ca or by phone at 966-5759.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of CGPS

Copy: Dr. Cathy Arnold, School of Rehabilitation Science

From: Graduate Programs Committee

Date: December 12, 2019

Re: changes to admission requirements – Master of Physical Therapy program

The Graduate Programs Committee is recommending approval of changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Physical Therapy program. The proposed changes include 1) replacing the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) with a Computer based Assessment of Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer), and 2) raising the minimum admission average to 75%.

The proposal was well-prepared. It was noted that some of the professional colleges already have replaced the MMI with CASPer with other colleges intending to make the switch.

It was noted that the program admitted students with averages in excess of 75%, so it was reasonable to raise the minimum average.

On December 11, 2019, the Graduate Programs Committee passed the following motion:

*To recommend approval of the changes in admission requirements to replace the Multiple Mini Interview with the CASPer and to raise the minimum admission average to 75%.*

Labrecque/Morrison  CARRIED

Attached please find the proposal and supporting documents.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Clement at kelly.clement@usask.ca or 306-966-2229
DATE: November 13th, 2019

TO: Graduate Programs Committee

RE: School of Rehabilitation Science, Masters of Physical Therapy Program (MPT)

Request for change of:

1. Interview type to be used in the selection criteria for admissions scores to determine acceptance into the MPT and

2. Minimum admissions grade point average for selection criteria for acceptance into the MPT program

Approved by: School of Rehabilitation Science Faculty Council (2 Motions accepted on Friday October 4, 2019)

Background and Rationale for Requested Changes:

1. Request to Change from Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) to Computer based Assessment of Sampling Personal characteristics (CASPer®) for MPT admissions.

Background:

Over the past 2 years the School of Rehabilitation Science (formerly the School of Physical Therapy) admissions committee has explored options to the currently administered Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). The MMI is scheduled over two days, consisting of 7 stations, with an examiner in each station. The purpose of the interview is to collect information concerning the personal attributes of applicants such as interpersonal skills, communication, critical thinking, professionalism, general knowledge of health care and ethical/moral judgment. The final MMI score is the average of scores in three categories: critical thinking, communication, and professionalism. The current MMI process requires extensive people power to administer, presents a significant cost to our operating budget, has had limited correlations to performance in the MPT program and no correlation with the Canadian Physiotherapy Competency Exam (PCE) that students are required to take in order to be licensed to practice physical therapy in most Canadian provinces. The MMI creates limitations for many applicants to travel for one day that cannot be re-scheduled or changed and the MMI has known flaws including interviewer bias, context specificity, interviewer consistency, severity/leniency of rater and central tendencies of the interviewer (e.g.: halo effect; refer to Wetzel, Wilson & Kort. The Halo Effect Re-visited: Forewarned is not Forearmed; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology 1981; 17: 427-439).
Rationale:

Only two Canadian physical therapy programs (University of Alberta & University of Manitoba) other than the U of S continue to use the MMI. The majority of programs (Sherbrooke, McGill, UBC, Laval, Western, Dalhousie, and U of T) have shifted to use the Computer based Assessment of Sampling Personal characteristics (CASPer®) to replace previous interview processes such as the MMI for PT admissions. Note: UBC continues both CASPer and MMI. CASPer® (formerly Computer-based Multiple Sample Evaluation of Non-cognitive Skills, CMSENS) is a situational judgement test developed at McMaster University to assess an academic applicant’s personal and professional (non-cognitive or non-academic) attributes in an online format. The test has 12 sections that either consist of video-based scenarios or word-based scenarios, based on real life situations [https://takecasper.com/about-casper/](https://takecasper.com/about-casper/). Both tools utilizing numerous independent observations of a single applicant to dilute the effects of interviewer bias and specificity of context. Kelly et al (2009) found that CASPer® moderately correlates (0.60) with MMI and neither test predicts medical school success but Juster et al. (2019) found that inclusion of a situational judgement test into admissions has the potential to widen access to medical education for a number of underrepresented in medicine applicants. Both tests include a guided personal statement which has not been done for PT admissions. The advantage of this method of assessment verses the MMI for the student is the ease of doing the interview in more comfortable and familiar surroundings as opposed to the high stress situation of the MMI, the advantage of a wider window of time to do the assessment, and the decreased cost of traveling to Saskatoon for those who live outside of the city.

The cost of CASPer® is $40.00 to the student with an additional fee of $12.00 (increased from $10.00 effective 2020) for each school to which they want their results sent. This is considerably less cost than the travel costs associated with the MMI. Additionally, The UofS College of Medicine currently uses the MMI and will be charging a fee of $150.00 for each student participating in the MMI. If the MPT program, a School within the COM, adopts the same fee schedule CASPer® will be less expensive for prospective applicants.

The advantage of CASPer® to the MPT faculty and staff is significant. It is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit enough interviewers for the MMI, and it requires extensive staff time and resources to conduct. The scoring of the student’s performance via CASPer® is done by the company, resulting in greater consistency and less risk of bias.

Based on these data, The SRS Faculty Council has accepted the recommendation of the MPT Admissions committee with the unanimous approval of the following motion at the October 4, 2019 meeting:

**MOTION:** Zucker-Levin/Arnold

That the School of Rehabilitation Science will replace the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) with the Computer based Assessment of Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer) assessment inclusive of a guided personal statement for admission of physical therapy students beginning 2021. **CARRIED**
2. Request to Increase the minimal entry GPA to 75% for School of Rehabilitation Science MPT Program.

Background:

The School of Rehabilitation Science has a series of evaluation outcome measures and indicators it tracks annually in order to assist with future decision-making to optimize success for students in the MPT program. Over the past 2 years the School of Rehabilitation Science admissions committee has explored the relationship of academic performance both at entrance into the program and in the duration of the program to outcomes such as first time pass rates on the Physiotherapy Competency Exam Clinical Component (PCE). Currently, the minimum GPA for admissions to the UofS MPT program is 70%, which is consistent with CGPS minimum entrance requirements. However, this minimum is low compared to other U of S health care professional programs and other Canadian physical therapy programs.

Rationale:

The mission of the School of Rehabilitation Science is excellence in physical therapy and rehabilitation science teaching, research scholarship and leadership to improve the quality of life and well-being for all people of Saskatchewan and beyond. To reach this mission, we strive to prepare entry to practice high quality graduates ready to be competent professionals in a challenging health care environment.

At the University of Saskatchewan, the minimum entrance GPA for admissions to the medical program within the College of Medicine is 75%. Similar to us, they have targeted recruitment for Indigenous students, and this minimum GPA does not hinder their ability to fill these seats. We have been tracking entrance GPA data for our Equity students, with self-identified Aboriginal ancestry and found the average entrance GPA to be well above the proposed 75% minimum with a trend toward a raising average (Appendix 1).

The minimum GPA for admission to the UofS MPT program is the lowest in relation to other Canadian physical therapy entry to practice programs; the next lowest is UBC at 76%. We currently have, on average three to four times as many applicants as seats available (maximum 40 seats). The average GPA for students accepted into our program over the past 5 years. Note: the average admissions GPA for students entering the UofS MPT has been slowly rising from 85.3% in 2016 (range 76%-96%) to 86.9% in 2019 (range 80%-94%). Statistical analyses of U of S MPT admissions GPA over the past 8 years for which data is available indicate a moderate to strong correlation of entrance GPA to academic performance throughout the program. For this reasons we would ask CGPS to approve an increase to the minimum GPA for admission to the UofS MPT program from 70% to 75%.

Based on these data, The SRS Faculty Council has accepted the recommendation of the PT Admissions committee with the unanimous approval of the following motion at the October 4, 2019 meeting.

**MOTION:** Zucker-Levin/Kim

That the School of Rehabilitation Science increase the minimum GPA to 75% effective for admissions in 2021.

**CARRIED**
**Request to CGPS:**

The SRS MPT Admissions Committee is requesting CGPS to approve the following motions:

1. The SRS will replace the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) with the Computer based Assessment of Sampling Personal characteristics (CASPer®) assessment inclusive of a guided personal statement for admission of PT students for the 2021.

2. The SRS will increase the minimum GPA effective for admissions in the 2021 intake to 75%.
Appendix 1: The average GPA for students accepted into our program over the past 5 years

School of Rehabilitation Science - Admissions Committee Report

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**Admission Weighted Average**

- **Mean**: 86.9% 85.7% 85.8% 85.3% 84.0%
- **Aboriginal Applicants Range**: 80-88% 70-84% 76-93% 76-82% 74-86%
- **General Pool Range**: 83-94% 83-96% 77-94% 83-96% 79-94%

**University Degree**

- **U of S**: 73% 58% 65% 55% 55%
- **U of R**: 15% 22% 10% 23% 10%
- **Other University**: 12% 20% 25% 22% 35%

**Undergraduate Degree**

- **Kinesiology**: 70% 65% 78% 83% 65%
- **Arts and Science**: 20% 25% 15% 17% 23%
- **Other**: 10% 0% 0% 0% 7%
- **Graduate Degree**: 0% 10% 7% 0% 5%

**Males**

- 37% 37% 37% 27% 32.5%

**Females**

- 63% 63% 63% 73% 67.5%
Consultation with the Registrar Form

This form is to be completed by the Registrar (or his/her designate) during an in-person consultation with the faculty member responsible for the proposal. Please consider the questions on this form prior to the meeting.

Section 1: New Degree / Diploma / Certificate Information or Renaming of Existing

1 Is this a new degree, diploma, or certificate? [Yes ] [No X]

2 Is the existing degree, diploma, or certificate being renamed? [Yes ] [No X]

If you’ve answered NO to each of the previous two questions, please continue on to the next section.

2 What is the name of the new degree, diploma, or certificate?

3 What is the credential of this new degree, diploma, or certificate? [Example - D.M.D. = Doctor of Dental Medicine]

4 If you have renamed an existing degree, diploma, or certificate, what is the current name?

5 Does this new or renamed degree / diploma / certificate require completion of degree level courses or non-degree level courses, thus implying the attainment of either a degree level or non-degree level standard of achievement?

6 If this is a new degree level certificate, can a student take it at the same time as pursuing another degree level program? [Yes ] [No ]

7 If YES, a student attribute will be created and used to track students who are in this certificate alongside another program. The attribute code will be:

8 Which College is responsible for the awarding of this degree, diploma, or certificate?

9 Is there more than one program to fulfill the requirements for this degree, diploma, or certificate? If yes, please list these programs.

10 Are there any new majors, minors, or concentrations associated with this new degree / diploma / certificate? Please list the name(s) and whether it is a major, minor, or concentration, along with the sponsoring department.

One major is required on all programs [4 characters for code and 30 characters for description]

11 If this is a new graduate degree, is it thesis-based, course-based, or project-based?
Section 2: New / Revised Program for Existing or New Degree / Diploma / Certificate Information

1. Is this a new program?
   Yes  No X
   Is an existing program being revised?
   Yes  No X
   If you've answered NO to each of the previous two questions, please continue on to the next section.

2. If YES, what degree, diploma, or certificate does this new/revised program meet requirements for?

3. What is the name of this new/revised program?

4. What other program(s) currently exist that will also meet the requirements for this same degree(s)?

5. What College/Department is the academic authority for this program?

6. Is this a replacement for a current program?
   Yes  No

7. If YES, will students in the current program complete that program or be grandfathered?

8. If this is a new graduate program, is it thesis-based, course-based, or project-based?

Section 3: Mobility

Mobility is the ability to move freely from one jurisdiction to another and to gain entry into an academic institution or to participate in a learning experience without undue obstacles or hindrances.

1. Does the proposed degree, program, major, minor, concentration, or course involve mobility?
   Yes ☐ No ☒

   If yes, choose one of the following:
   - Domestic Mobility (both jurisdictions are within Canada)
   - International Mobility (one jurisdiction is outside of Canada)

2. Please indicate the mobility type (refer to Nomenclature for definitions).
   Joint Program
   Joint Degree
   Dual Degree
   Professional Internship Program
   Faculty-Led Course Abroad
   Term Abroad Program

3. The U of S enters into partnerships or agreements with external partners for the above mobility types in order to allow students collaborative opportunities for research, studies, or activities. Has an agreement been signed?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Please state the full name of the agreement that the U of S is entering into.

5. What is the name of the external partner?

6. What is the jurisdiction for the external partner?
Section 7: Course Information - as per current set-up

1 Is there a new subject area(s) of course offering proposed for this new degree? If so, what is the subject area(s) and the suggested four (4) character abbreviation(s) to be used in course listings?

2 If there is a new subject area(s) of offerings what College / Department is the academic authority for this new subject area?

3 Have the subject area identifier and course number(s) for new and revised courses been cleared by the Registrar?

4 Does the program timetable use standard class time slots, terms, and sessions? Yes ☐ No ☐
   If NO, please describe.

5 Does this program, due to pedagogical reasons, require any special space or type of rooms? Yes ☐ No ☐
   If YES, please describe.

NOTE: Please remember to submit a new "Course Creation Form" for every new course required for this new program / major. Attached completed "Course Creation Forms" to this document would be helpful.
Section 8: Admissions, Recruitment, and Quota Information - as per current set-up except as noted below

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<td>Who makes the admission decision? (IE. Admissions Office or College/Department/Other?)</td>
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Section 9: Government Loan Information - as per current set-up

NOTE: Federal / provincial government loan programs require students to be full-time in order to be eligible for funding. The University of Saskatchewan defines full-time as enrollment in a minimum of 9 credit units (operational) in the fall and/or winter term(s) depending on the length of the loan.

1. If this is a change to an existing program, will the program change have any impact on student loan eligibility?

2. If this is a new program, do you intend that students be eligible for student loans?

Section 10: Convocation Information (only for new degrees)

1. Are there any 'ceremonial consequences' of this proposal (ie. New degree hood, special convocation, etc.)?

2. If YES, has the Office of the University Secretary been notified?

3. When is the first class expected to graduate?

4. What is the maximum number of students you anticipate/project will graduate per year (please consider the next 5-10 years)?

Section 11: Schedule of Implementation Information

1. What is the start term?
   202105 [May 2021]

2. Are students required to do anything prior to the above date (in addition to applying for admission)?
   Yes [ ] No [X]
   If YES, what and by what date?


Section 12: Registration Information - as per current set-up

1. What year in program is appropriate for this program (NA or a numeric year)?
   (General rule = NA for programs and categories of students not working toward a degree level qualification.)

2. Will students register themselves?
   If YES, what priority group should they be in?

Section 13: Academic History Information - as per current set-up

1. Will instructors submit grades through self-serve?
2. Who will approve grades (Department Head, Assistant Dean, etc.)?

Section 14: T2202 Information (tax form) - as per current set-up

1. Should classes count towards T2202s?

Section 15: Awards Information - as per current set-up

1. Will terms of reference for existing awards need to be amended?
2. If this is a new undergraduate program, will students in this program be eligible for College-specific awards?

Section 16: Government of Saskatchewan Graduate Retention (Tax) Program - as per current set-up

1. Will this program qualify for the Government of Saskatchewan graduate retention (tax) program?
   To qualify the program must meet the following requirements:
   - be equivalent to at least 6 months of full-time study, and
   - result in a certificate, diploma, or undergraduate degree.
Section 17: Program Termination

1. Is this a program termination? Yes ☐ No ☒
   If yes, what is the name of the program?

2. What is the effective date of this termination?

3. Will there be any courses closed as a result of this termination? Yes ☐ No ☐
   If yes, what courses?

4. Are there currently any students enrolled in the program? Yes ☐ No ☐
   If yes, will they be able to complete the program?

5. If not, what alternate arrangements are being made for these students?

6. When do you expect the last student to complete this program?

7. Is there mobility associated with this program termination? Yes ☐ No ☐
   If yes, please select one of the following mobility activity types.
   - Dual Degree Program
   - Joint Degree Program
   - Internship Abroad Program
   - Term Abroad Program
   - Taught Abroad Course
   - Student Exchange Program

   Partnership agreements, coordinated by the International Office, are signed for these types of mobility activities. Has the International Office been informed of this program termination?
Section 18: Proposed Tuition and Student Fees Information - as per current set-up

1 How will tuition be assessed?

| Standard Undergraduate per credit |
| Standard Graduate per credit |
| Standard Graduate per term |
| Non standard per credit* |
| Non standard per term* |
| Other * |
| Program Based* |

* See attached documents for further details

2 If fees are per credit, do they conform to existing categories for per credit tuition? If YES, what category or rate?

3 If program based tuition, how will it be assessed? By credit unit? By term? Elsehow?

4 Does proponent's proposal contain detailed information regarding requested tuition? If NO, please describe.

5 What is IPA's recommendation regarding tuition assessment? When is it expected to receive approval?

6 IPA Additional comments?

7 Will students outside the program be allowed to take the classes?

8 If YES, what should they be assessed? (This is especially important for program based.)

9 Do standard student fee assessment criteria apply (full-time, part-time, on-campus versus off-campus)?

10 Do standard cancellation fee rules apply?

11 Are there any additional fees (e.g. materials, excursion)? If yes, see NOTE below.

12 Are you moving from one tuition code (TC) to another tuition code? If YES, from which tuition code to which tuition code?

13 Are international students admissible to the program? If yes, will they pay the international tuition differential?

NOTE: Please remember to submit a completed "Application for New Fee or Fee Change Form" for every new course with additional fees.
Section 19: TLSE - Information Dissemination (internal for TLSE use only)

1. Has TLSE, Marketing and Student Recruitment, been informed about this new / revised program? [Yes/No]
2. Has TLSE, Admissions, been informed about this new / revised program? [Yes/No]
3. Has TLSE, Student Finance and Awards, been informed about this new / revised program? [Yes/No]
4. Has CGPS been informed about this new / revised program? [Yes/No]
5. Has TLSE, Transfer Credit, been informed about any new / revised courses? [Yes/No]
6. Has ICT-Data Services been informed about this new or revised degree / program / major / minor / concentration? [Yes/No]
7. Has the Library been informed about this new / revised program? [Yes/No]
8. Has ISA been informed of the CIP code for new degree / program / major? [Yes/No]
9. Has Room Scheduling/Scheduling Hub/Senior Coordinator of Scheduling been informed of unique space requirements for the new courses and/or informed of program, course, college, and department changes? [Yes/No]
10. Has the Convocation Coordinator been notified of a new degree? [Yes/No]

11. What is the highest level of financial approval required for this submission? Check all that apply.
   a. None - as it has no financial implications
      OR
   b. Fee Review Committee
   c. Institutional Planning and Assessment (IPA)
   d. Provost's Committee on Integrated Planning (PCIP)
   e. Board of Governors
   f. Other

SIGNED

Date: December 16, 2019

Registrar (Russell Isinger):

College / Department Representative(s): Martha Smith

IPA Representative(s): N/A
The Master of Physical Therapy program at the University of Saskatchewan is a full-time program over two years and six weeks, and consists of ten modules that include academic course work, and 30 weeks of clinical practicum experiences. The program has been designed to offer students a high quality educational experience that is consistent with national accreditation standards. Students will graduate with the entry-level requirements to obtain a license to practice physical therapy in Saskatchewan and Canada. Initial work expectations of graduates will be, primarily, the provision of direct client care, rather than advanced research and/or administration.

For more information, see the School of Rehabilitation Science website.

**Attendance**

Students are required to regularly attend all lectures and laboratory periods. Failure to meet these expectations may result in a student being Required to Discontinue the program.

**License to Practice**

Students are reminded that a Master of Physical Therapy degree does not confer the right to practice physical therapy. The license to practice physical therapy is granted by the licensing body of the province in which one intends to practice.

The national licensing examination is conducted by an external organization, the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators. The licensing examination is available to physical therapy students graduating from Canadian universities. In most provinces, successful completion of this examination is required to meet licensing requirements.

**Courses**

School of Rehabilitation Science courses for the M.P.T. are listed in the Course Descriptions section of the Course & Program Catalogue under Physical Therapy (PTH).

Students who have not been accepted into the School of Rehabilitation Science require approval from the course instructor to register in any PTH courses.

**Admission**

Meeting the admission qualifications does not guarantee admission to the M.P.T. program.

Applicants to the School of Rehabilitation Science must satisfy the following residency qualifications:

1. Applicants applying through the Education Equity Program for Aboriginal students must be Canadian citizens. Proof of aboriginal ancestry is required.

2. Other applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, and be residents of the Province of Saskatchewan or of the Yukon, Northwest or Nunavut Territories. For information regarding residency requirements, please visit the School of Rehabilitation Science's website or contact the Academic Program Assistant.
The deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documents is December 15. Students must first complete the online MPT application form available on the School of Rehabilitation Science’s website to ensure that they meet residency and admission requirements before applying through the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Students from any universities other than the University of Saskatchewan must arrange to have their transcripts forwarded directly to the School. Two copies of an official transcript of final marks for second term courses, which will confirm the awarding of the baccalaureate degree, must be received by May 31 in the year in which application is being made.

Any applicant who may require disability accommodations for the admissions process should be registered with Disability Student Access and Equity Services and all requested accommodations must be received by the deadline for application (December 15).

Selection for admission is based upon academic performance (i.e. admission average) and Computer-based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer) interview performance. The minimum admission average that will be accepted is 75.0%. The admission average is a weighted average calculated using a minimum of 60 credit units. The most recent credit units at the time of application are used. For the purpose of calculating the admission average, all courses in a given term will be used. Applicants are ranked according to the admission average and the top 96 applicants are granted interviews. When computing applicants’ total admission scores, the admission average is weighted 60% and the interview CASPer score is weighted 40%.

Admissions interviews (multiple mini interviews – MMI) are scheduled on a Saturday in early to mid March. The purpose of the interview CASPer is to collect information concerning the personal attributes of applicants. In this structured interview, candidates’ interpersonal, communication and critical thinking skills; self-evaluation, ethical decision making, and general knowledge of health care are evaluated. The final MMI score is the average of scores in three categories; critical thinking, communication, and professionalism.

Applicants admitted to first year of the Physical Therapy program are required to obtain Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.) prior to the start of classes in August unless they have obtained such certification within the previous twelve months. The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada’s Basic Life Support Health Care Providers (C) designation, or equivalent certification, is required. Students must present evidence of successful completion, and the date of certification of the C.P.R. requirements. This certification must be updated annually.

Students enrolled in the School of Rehabilitation Science must provide evidence of the required immunization status on entry into the program. It is the student’s responsibility to maintain a current immunization status according to the guidelines and requirements of the School of Rehabilitation Science.

The Master of Physical Therapy program requires that the students spend time in clinical facilities within the first week of the program. It is imperative that the immunization be up-to-date and that immunization records be filled out and submitted on the first day of classes. Students may be required to obtain additional immunizations, during the student’s time in the M.P.T. program, consistent with specific requirements of individual clinical facilities and/or health regions where the student is assigned for a clinical placement. Additional vaccination requirements may include seasonal flu immunization. Students must also be Respirator Fit Mask tested while in the program.
Students are required to complete a specific police/criminal record and vulnerable sector check prior to starting the program, before being accepted for clinical placements in many clinical facilities.

Additional common requirements as preparation for many clinical placements include: additional health, disability and dismemberment insurance, orientation to 'Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System', signed Worker's Compensation Board Work-based Learning Consent and Agreement forms and signed confidentiality agreements.

**Education Equity Program**

The purpose of this program is to encourage enrolment by applicants of Aboriginal ancestry. The program is open to all Canadian citizens regardless of Saskatchewan residency status.

Each year, six positions for admission to the School of Rehabilitation Science are designated for applicants of Aboriginal ancestry who meet admission requirements. To be considered for the Education Equity Program for Aboriginal students, applicants of First Nations, Metis or Inuit ancestry must indicate this status when completing the School of Rehabilitation Science application. Self identification of Aboriginal ancestry does not exclude applicants from being considered in the general applicant pool.

**Essential Skills and Abilities Required for the Study of Physical Therapy**

To be successful in this intensive program, students must be in good physical and mental health. Any applicant with concerns regarding the essential skills and abilities required should consult with the Director to discuss the physical and cognitive demands required to successfully complete the program and accommodations that are available to students with disabilities.

**Admission Requirements**

- **Language Proficiency Requirements:** Proof of English proficiency may be required for international applicants and for applicants whose first language is not English. Acceptable test scores are as follows:
  - TOEFL: a minimum of 22 out of 30 in each component with a combined minimum total score of 100
  - IELTS: a minimum score of 7.5 out of 9 in each area and overall
  - Cantest: a minimum of 5 in each area and overall
- must meet Saskatchewan residency requirements unless applying under the Education Equity Program (see above)
- four year baccalaureate degree (in any discipline) from a college or university of acceptable standing
- Human Physiology (6 credit units) – PHPY 302.3 and one of PHPY 301.3, PHPY 303.3, or HSC 350.3 or equivalent.
- Statistics (3 credit units) – STAT 245.3 or PLSC 214.3 or equivalent
- Basic Human Anatomy (3 credit units) – ACB 310.3 or equivalent
- Minimum 75.0% average normally calculated using the most recent minimum 60 credit units of university course work

- CASPer

- Applicants should check the list of Approved Prerequisite Courses for the MPT available on the School of Rehabilitation Science’s website. If course equivalencies are not listed, applicants must seek and receive approval for equivalent pre-requisite courses from the Admissions Committee. For further information, students should consult the Academic Program Assistant at the School of Rehabilitation Science. Applicants should supplement in-person or telephone admission enquiries with written/email enquiries. Only written/email responses to enquiries will be accepted as evidence of the official advice given by the School of Rehabilitation Science.

- Students should check the School of Rehabilitation Science's website regularly for updates to the Admissions process.