

About our MScPT Program

Discover the endless opportunities that the profession of Physiotherapy has to offer. Physiotherapy is a diverse and interesting career that involves the study of physical function of the human body in health and disease. The MSc Physiotherapy program educates physiotherapists who excel in their profession through advanced education and research training in the rehabilitation sciences.

The [MSc Physiotherapy degree](#) prepares students with the professional education and experience necessary to apply for a license to practice physiotherapy. Basic science content is integrated with physiotherapy-specific course content across eight academic modules focusing on the following themes: clinical reasoning and best practices; professionalism, leadership and collaboration; ethical reasoning and cultural sensitivity; innovation and entrepreneurship; therapeutic exercise; health promotion and secondary prevention; and communication.

Clinical education is an integral part of physiotherapy academics. Site visits and clinical placements are taken at a variety of facilities throughout the program and can start as early as September of the first year. The main purpose of the clinical placements is to provide the student with an opportunity, under professional supervision, to practice the assessment and treatment skills and to utilize the knowledge acquired during the academic modules.

Essential Skills and Attributes

If you are considering a career in Physiotherapy, please review the [Essential Skills and Attributes](#) webpage found under the **Admissions** tab of our website, under the **MSc Physiotherapy** drop-down menu.

Enrolment

Enrolment in the program is currently limited to 62 students. The School of Physiotherapy at Dalhousie is the only school serving Atlantic Canada. As such, a provincial quota system is in place with a specified number of seats allocated annually for residents of New Brunswick (15), Prince Edward Island (2), Newfoundland and Labrador (10) and Nova Scotia (16). In addition, there are 19 discretionary seats, which may be offered to Atlantic Canadians, applicants who reside outside of the Atlantic Provinces, and international applicants. If you are unclear about your residency status, please check the [Residency Guidelines](#) on our website (found under the Admissions tab, MSc Physiotherapy).

Equitable Admissions Policy

The School of Physiotherapy is committed to increasing the admission of and number of graduates from historically underrepresented groups: persons of Aboriginal/Indigenous ancestry, members of racialized groups, persons of African descent, Acadians, persons with dis/Abilities, and persons belonging to minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity (SOGI) groups.

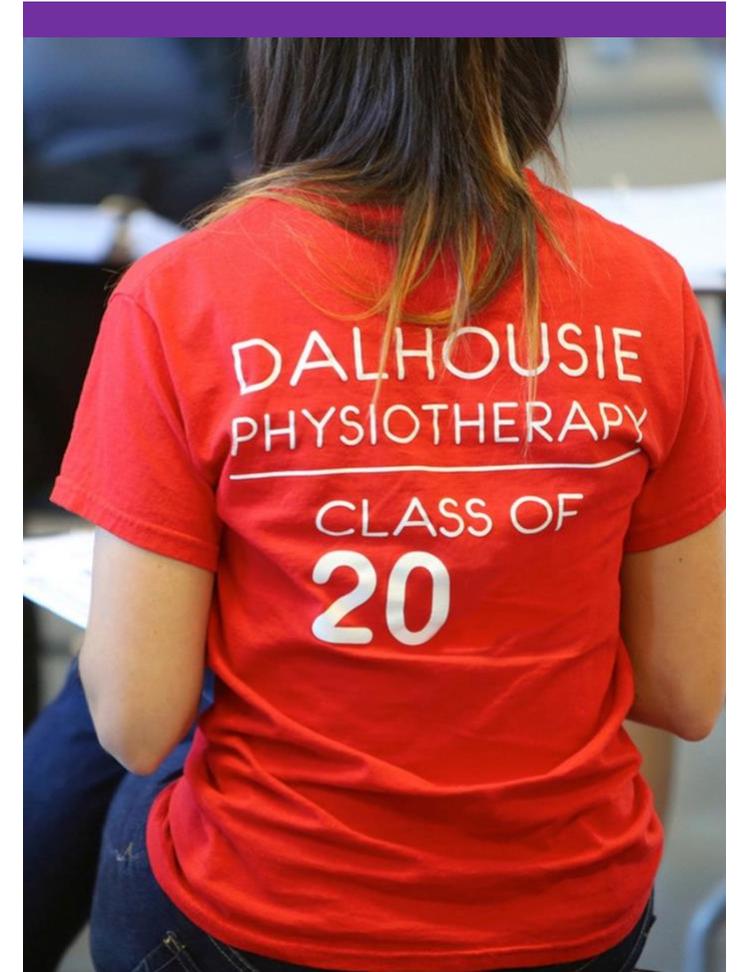
Admission prerequisites are required for all applicants. However, applicants who apply under the Equitable Admissions Policy are considered on the basis of their qualifications for graduate study in physiotherapy rather than in relation to other candidates.

The School of Physiotherapy encourages applicants who wish to apply under the Equitable Admissions Policy to indicate so on the Graduate Application Form and their Supplementary Application Form.

For More Information

Please visit the **Programs** and **Admissions** tabs of our website at www.dal.ca/physiotherapy for more information about our various programs and their admissions processes, including:

- Program Overview
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Admissions and CASPer requirements
- Clinical Education & Course Descriptions



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Must Haves for Admission

Applicants must hold a four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent in any field of study from a recognized academic institution.

The School encourages applicants from diverse academic backgrounds to consider physiotherapy and apply for the program. There are pre-requisite courses that must be attained in Physiology, Anatomy, Statistics, Physics, Life Sciences and Humanities/Arts and Social Sciences.

The GPA required for admission is determined from the last 60 credit hours of the undergraduate degree. The minimum GPA is 3.3 or letter grade of B+.

A minimum of forty hours of non-paid community volunteering experience (not necessarily in the area of physiotherapy) in the last two years is required.

Immunization Requirements

The immunization requirements are detailed in the School of Physiotherapy Supplementary Application Form (found in our Admissions package). Applicants must sign a Statement of Compliance regarding these requirements.

Before participating in site visits or clinical placements, students must be appropriately immunized as follows:

- Diphtheria-tetanus
- Rubella
- Measles
- Mumps
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella
- Tuberculosis skin tests

A recent satisfactory **criminal record check**, including a **vulnerable sector survey**, and a valid **CPR certificate** are also required.

Prerequisite Courses

To be completed during an undergraduate degree and/or prior to admission:

“Human” Physiology (6 credit hours)

- Equivalent to PHYL 1010.06

“Human” Anatomy (3 credit hours)

- Equivalent to ANAT 1010.03 Anatomy must cover gross anatomy of the human musculoskeletal, visceral and neurological systems

Statistics (3 credit hours)

- Examples include Statistics, Research Methods, Research Design

Languages/Humanities/Social Science (6 credit hours)

- Examples include Sociology, Economics, Psychology, History, Fine Arts, English, Classical Studies, Music, Dance, Film Studies, Philosophy, Religion, Anthropology, Political Science.

At least 3 credit hours must be Psychology

Life Sciences (3 credit hours)

- Examples include Biology, Chemistry, Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Biophysics, Neuroscience, Biomedical Engineering

The admissions committee **strongly recommends** that one or more courses in Physics and/or Biomechanics of Human Movement be taken in preparation for studies in Physiotherapy at Dalhousie University.

To determine equivalent courses from other universities, go to Dalhousie Online: Transfer Credit Equivalencies OR contact the appropriate Dalhousie Department. (See <http://www.dalonline.dal.ca/>).

Note: Applicants completing prerequisite courses during the admission year must include proof of registration with their application and final transcripts for these courses must be received by June 1st. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

Admissions Requirements

Before you begin your application it is very important to first view the [MSc Physiotherapy Admissions](#) tab on our website. All the information to assist with your application can be found on the website.

All applicants for graduate programs at Dalhousie must submit to the Registrar’s Office the Graduate Application Form (online) found at www.dal.ca/admissions under [Graduate Studies](#) along with the application fee (\$115.00).

The School of Physiotherapy must receive the following:

- 1) Timely and successful completion of [CASPer](#) testing
- 2) Completed School Supplementary Application Form (Found on the Dalhousie School of Physiotherapy website on the Admissions-Application page)
- 3) Two official transcripts from ALL universities attended sent directly to the School of Physiotherapy from the Registrar of the home institution
- 4) Two Academic Confidential Reference Letters. *A work reference from someone who may comment objectively on your goals may be included **in addition** to the two required academic references.*
- 5) English Language Competency test results (if applicable, see [Graduate Studies Admissions Requirements](#)).
- 6) Proof of registration of outstanding prerequisite courses.

Note: Our Admissions Package is posted by September of each year, and the application deadline is January 31st.

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