

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

- Students are ranked based on GPA and CASPer outcomes (60% GPA and 40% CASper), considerate of residency (provincial/non-resident status) and Equitable Admissions
- Top ranked students are invited to an interview (*Approximately half the number of students interviewed will be invited for a placement in the program*)
- The admissions committee will contact applicants selected for an interview based on the email address provided in your application
- The interviews take place in mid to late April
- Currently interviews are held in each of the Atlantic Provinces
- When possible, interview sites are selected based on residency status

## STANDARDIZED INTERVIEW

- Students selected for an interview will attend one of the interview sites arranged by the School of Physiotherapy Admissions Committee
- The interviews are conducted by a practicing clinician and a Dalhousie University School of Physiotherapy representative
- The interview is based on a situational judgement premise where a scenario is presented and the student then *discusses* what they would do in the presented situation
- The interviewers independently score the student, based on how the student addresses the scenario
- There is a total of six scenarios in each interview, each focusing on a particular physiotherapy competency
- The entire interview is conducted in 30 minutes
- Every interview, for a given year, contains the same six questions. So, everyone gets the same questions

## STANDARDIZED INTERVIEW EXAMPLE

*“Your new client, Meghan, is an adult who has been hospitalized with a unique and complex condition. Although there are two other physiotherapists on staff that have treated this condition once in the past, you have no personal experience treating this condition. However, you are aware of and have studied the treatments that are typically used in cases like Meghan’s.”*

Describe what you would do if you were in this situation.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE INTERVIEW?

- The Admissions Committee considers the final seat offers based on a combined score generated from the GPA (75%) and interview score (25%)
- In cases where these scores are similar, the academic references and statement of purpose will be used to determine the most appropriate candidates

## BEFORE BEGINNING your MSc Physiotherapy Degree

Before participating in site visits or clinical placements, students must Health Care Professional/ Patient Safety Immunizations as follows:

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

**\*Note:** In some cases, even though students have received the series of Hepatitis B immunisations in childhood, immunity is lost over the years. It is suggested that students, get tested for Hepatitis B antibodies to determine their immune status. If they are no longer immune and need to redo the Hepatitis B series they will need to get a vaccination, then a booster in 1 month and a third shot 6 months later. One month after the 3rd shot serology is repeated, and it is determined that the student is either immune or a "non-responder". This is an eight-month process, and during those eight months students are not able undertake any clinical experiences outside of the school.

Serology and CRC/VSS records must be dated no earlier than 6 months prior to the September start date.

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