

PHYSICAL THERAPY, M.P.T.

Physical Therapy

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Academic Staff: Please refer to the Physical Therapy website (<https://umanitoba.ca/rehabilitation-sciences/faculty-staff/#department-of-physical-therapy>) for Academic staff information.

Physical Therapy Program Information

The Master of Physical Therapy is an entry-to-practice education credential that is for individuals who do not have a previous degree in physical therapy and/or for those individuals who are not eligible to practice in Canada with their current academic preparation.

The Master of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Manitoba has been accredited by Physiotherapy Education Accreditation Canada (PEAC). The status of Accreditation – Fully Compliant was granted to the program for the period until April 30, 2026.

Admission Information

Admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for Master's students are found in the Master's Degrees General Regulations (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission_FGSMasters) section of the Guide.

M.P.T. Admission Requirements

Requirements include: completion of a previous undergraduate degree, in any area of study; minimum grade point average of 3.25 in the last 60 credit hours of study; equivalent IB and/or AP courses will be accepted in lieu of prerequisite courses; successful completion of the Multiple Mini-Interview; a minimum grade of a 3.0 or a "B" in the following prerequisite courses:¹

- Human Anatomy (3 credit hours)
- Human Physiology (3 credit hours)
- Introductory Statistics (3 credit hours)
- Psychology (minimum of 3 credit hours from a Department of Psychology)
- English Literature (minimum of 3 credit hours from a Department of English or a 3 credit hour French Literature course when approved)
- For 2025-2026 a 3 credit hour Indigenous Studies course will be required

¹ All prerequisite courses need to be completed by the Fall term in the year prior to entry. Equivalent academic courses completed at the University of Manitoba or recognized universities elsewhere will be considered.

English Language Proficiency: For those not educated in English, the Department of Physical Therapy complies with the English language requirements established by the University of Manitoba Faculty of Graduate Studies, the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (<http://www.alliancept.org/>) and the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba (<http://www.manitobaphysio.com/for-ieps/registration-2/language-requirements/>). These minimum scores are required to be admitted into the Faculty of Graduate Studies; to be licensed as a student physical therapist in Manitoba; and to be considered eligible to sit the national Physiotherapy Competency Examination upon graduation. For more details on acceptable English Language Proficiency tests, see the M.P.T. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/physical-therapy-mpt/>) page.

Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation (if applicable) by the date indicated on the Physical Therapy M.P.T. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/physical-therapy-mpt/>) page.

Degree Requirements

Students in the M.P.T. program must complete 103 credit hours of coursework. All academic and clinical education courses and a professional portfolio must be successfully completed in order to graduate.

Clinical Education Requirements

Clinical education is integrated throughout the M.P.T. program and typically follows major academic components to consolidate knowledge and skills learned in class. It consists of 4x 6 week and 1x 5 week clinical placements at a variety of sites. All students should be prepared to complete a clinical placement at a site outside of Winnipeg during the course of the program. Students must fulfil the health-related certifications, background checks and licensing requirements outlined below in order to participate in clinical placements. Additional information regarding these requirements is sent to new applicants following their acceptance into the program.

Health Requirements

Following their acceptance into the program, all new M.P.T. students will receive instructions regarding completion of the *Immunization Package* from the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Immunization Program. Students are required to return their completed packages, including immunization records, by the date published in the packages. New and returning students must meet immunizations requirements as identified by the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Immunization Program in order to participate in clinical placements.

Mask Fit Certification

Current *mask fit certification* is required for M.P.T. students to participate in clinical placements at many sites. There are a variety of masks in use at these clinical placement sites, so the program will make arrangements for mask fit testing of students after they have commenced the program and their clinical placement sites are known. Students are not to arrange

their own mask fit testing prior to commencing the program as they may be tested on a mask that is not in use at their clinical placement sites.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification

M.P.T. students are required to obtain CPR certification annually. Certification must be through a Heart & Stroke Foundation certified course at the level of *Basic Life Support: BLS Provider* or higher (e.g. *Advanced Cardiac Life Support: ACLS*). Students must provide proof of certification by October 1 of every year while in the program, and the certification must have an issue date no earlier than August 1 of that year.

Criminal Record Check, Adult Abuse Registry Check and Child Abuse Registry Check

M.P.T. students are required to obtain and submit a *Criminal Record Check with vulnerable sector search* annually in order to participate in clinical placements. Students must submit the check by September 1 of every year while in the program, and the check must have an issue date no earlier than August 1 of that year. M.P.T. students are also required to obtain an *Adult Abuse Registry Check* and a *Child Abuse Registry Check* annually in order to participate in clinical placements. The program will apply for these two checks on behalf of students after they have commenced classes. (N.B.: Some clinical sites require the above three documents to be less than 6 months old at the start of the placement, so students may need to reorder the checks in the same academic year if they attend one of these sites.)

College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba (CPM) Registration

M.P.T. students must obtain student registration with CPM by September 15 of every year while in the program in order to participate in clinical placements. Students must submit their original Criminal Record Check with their application form and fee when registering with CPM.

Expected Time to Graduate: 2 years

Progression Chart

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
PT 6100	Foundations of Physical Therapy (C & WL)	5
PT 6110	Foundations to Evidenced-Based Practice 1	1
PT 6124	Physical Therapy and Hospital Based Care (C & WL)	4
PT 6130	Applied Sciences for Physical Therapy 1 (C & WL)	4
PT 6140	Neuromusculoskeletal Anatomy for Physical Therapy (C & WL)	3
PT 6221	Clinical Skills for Physical Therapy in Neuromusculoskeletal Conditions 1 (C & WL)	6
PT 6224	Clinical Skills for Physical Therapy in Neuromusculoskeletal Conditions 2 (C & WL)	6
PT 6230	Applied Sciences for Physical Therapy 2 (C & WL)	6
PT 6250	Integrated Practice for Neuromusculoskeletal Conditions	3
PT 6260	Physical Therapy Practice and Professional Issues 1	3

PT 6291	Neuromusculoskeletal Clinical Education 1	6
PT 6292	Neuromusculoskeletal Clinical Education 2	6
PT 6310	Foundations to Evidenced-Based Practice 2	2
Hours		55
Year 2		
PT 7121	Clinical Skills for Physical Therapy Neurological Conditions (C & WL)	5
PT 7124	Clinical Skills for Physical Therapy in Cardiorespiratory Conditions	5
PT 7150	Integrated Practice for Cardiorespiratory and Neurological Conditions	3
PT 7160	Physical Therapy Practice and Professional Issues 2	3
PT 7230	Applied Sciences for Physical Therapy 3 (C & WL)	3
PT 7330	Applied Sciences for Physical Therapy 4 (C & WL)	3
PT 7294	Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Clinical Education	5
PT 7292	Neurosciences Clinical Education	6
PT 7390	Elective Clinical Education	6
PT 7410	Exercise Prescription and Manual Therapy for Physical Therapists	3
PT 7500	Physical Therapy Evaluation/Research Project	6
Hours		48
Total Hours		103

Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

Prior to registration, all new and returning students must meet with their advisor to determine their program of study. All course additions and withdrawals (registration revisions) must be approved in the same manner.

Course registration information for the incoming first year students will be forwarded to them by the Department/Program Assistant. Returning students will have course registration information sent to their U of M email account.

Not all courses will be offered each year. Please check the Aurora catalog to find out when a course is offered.

Regulations

Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

Supplementary Regulations

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

General Regulations

All students must:

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+;
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).