

Professional School Information Session: Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

Transcript

Physiotherapy

GPA: The minimum posted GPA ranges from 2.8 to 3.7; however students are being admitted typically with an 80-84%.

The GPA is calculated on the last 20 half credits. An example of this will be demonstrated in a couple of slides.

Pre-requisites: are required for most PT programs

Relevant health-related experience: it is important to get experience in a PT clinic as and it will confirm for you that this is the right profession for you. The experience you gain you will be able to explain in your application and interviews. You will also need a reference letter from a professional in the field.

References: both academic & non-academic references are required

For the Personal Statement: you need to show an understanding of physiotherapy and how you explain your experience will convey this. Queen's university has questions that you need to answer. For U of **Toronto** instead of writing a personal statement you will complete the CAP (computer administered profile) exam. The CAP is a two-hour evaluation with a series of short- and long-answer questions.

Interview:

McMaster, has an MMI format

Toronto, has the CAP

Physiotherapy

In Ontario: you apply through ORPAS – the centralized application site for rehabilitation programs in Ontario

This includes McMaster, Queen's, Toronto, and Western

Out-of-province It is difficult to be accepted to out-of-province programs as they accept very few students outside their province and some schools have residency requirements. That means you must live in the province for a certain length of time prior to applying to their program.

U.S.: some US schools have very specific pre-reqs, so if you are considering to apply to a PT program in the US or outside of North America, book a "Professional/graduate school planning" appointment through the Centre for Career Action website and we can discuss some challenges you may encounter if you take this route.

GPA / 1

For OT, PT, SLP, and audiology the GPA is calculated on the last 20 half credits for most programs the exception is Queen's OT program as they use a cGPA and Queen's University for the PT program uses the last 20 credits + cGPA

If grades need to be extracted from half a year (one semester in an academic year) to make up 20 courses, the entire academic year (Sept. – April) is used and the average of all courses within that time frame are used. The next slide has an example of this to make it easier to understand.

ORPAS takes each individual grade and converts it out of 4.0 scale and divides by number of courses to get cGPA.

GPA / 2

This is a typical applicant course load. So to calculate the last 20 half credits beginning with the end of the fall term you count back typically beginning with your 4A term.

In your 4A term you complete 5 courses which is 2.5 credits

In your 3B term you complete 5 courses

In your 3A term you complete 5 courses

Because the schools will need another 5 courses, you will take each course completed in your 2A and 2B term and get a GPA out of a 4.0 scale and divide it by the number of courses. That grade will be averaged and counted 5 times.

Occupational Therapy

GPA: the minimum posted GPA range is from 2.8 to 3.7; however students are being admitted typically with an 80-84%. Again your GPA is calculated on your last 20 half credits except Queen's, which uses a cGPA

Pre-reqs: there are no pre-reqs, but, Stats, Physiology/Biology (vertebrate) & Psychology may enhance your learning in the program

Relevant health-related experience: it is important to get experience in OT; admission directors know that many applicants apply to OT as a fall back to PT so it important to demonstrate in your application that you have this experience. OT experiences will help to get an OT reference letter

References: both academic & non-academic references are required

Personal Statement: must show an understanding of OT, and current and emerging trends (for Queens, Toronto, Western)

Resume: is also required

Interview: McMaster, MMI interview format

Occupational Therapy

Ontario: In Ontario, apply through a centralized application service called ORPAS.

There are 4 schools that you can apply to: McMaster, Queen's, Toronto, Western.

Canadian: Most out-of-province schools accept very few "out-of-province" applicants and some have a residency requirement which means you must live in the province for a certain amount of time.

U.S.: If applying to U.S. programs please come and talk to us as you need to pick the right program so that you will be able to practise in Ontario