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## 3 General Information

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### 3.1 Language Policy

The language of instruction at McGill is English. Every student has a right to write term papers, examinations and theses in English or in French except in courses where knowledge of a language is one of the objectives of the course.

Entering students should be aware that most of the clinical affiliation placements undertaken in the province of Quebec, including those in Greater Montreal, require proficiency in both French and English.

It is recommended that students who lack proficiency in English or French avail themselves of the opportunity to take an intensive English or French as a second language course, prior to, or early in, their program of studies.

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### 3.2 Vaccination and CPR Requirements

Students in all health care programs must comply with the vaccination requirements described on [page 9](#).

Valid CPR certification level "C" is required prior to going into any of the clinical affiliation placements. Proof of valid certification must be presented no later than January 30th of the first year of the program to enable the student to enter the first clinical affiliation in March of that year. This certification must be maintained throughout the three years of the program.

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### 3.3 Prizes, Awards and Loans

#### UNDERGRADUATE PRIZES AND AWARDS

**CANADIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION AWARD**, presented to the student with the highest standing throughout the B.Sc. (Phys.Ther.) program.

**CANADIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY CARDIO-RESPIRATORY SOCIETY (CPCRS) STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD**, presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in the area of cardio-respiratory physiotherapy.

**CAROL RUTENBERG-SILVER MEMORIAL AWARD**, established by the family in memory of Carol Rutenberg-Silver, a Physical Therapy

Physical therapists who graduated from 1993 onwards who wish to practise in provinces in Canada (other than Quebec) are required to pass a Physiotherapy National Examination. The Examination is mandatory for entry to practice in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Prince Edward Island. For confirmation, write to the Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulatory Boards.

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### 3.5 Professional Organizations

Students entering the McGill programs in 1995-96 or later will complete, within the program, all the clinical affiliation hours required to comply with the standards necessary for membership in both the national and provincial associations for each profession.

Students registered in the program prior to 1995 were required to complete further clinical practice in accredited occupational or physical therapy departments.

This standard is compatible with the licensing requirements in provinces where legislation is in force.

**Please note:** Students who registered in the B.Sc.(Occ.Ther.) or the B.Sc.(Phys.Ther.) programs before 1994-95 and who have graduated no later than the Spring or Fall 1997 convocations would have completed a 93-credit program over three years requiring post-graduate internship prior to licensure. There were 600+ clinical affiliation hours done in those programs. (Please refer to the 1996-97 Calendar for details on those programs.)

#### Canadian National Offices

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists  
Carleton Technology Training Centre  
Suite 3400, Carleton University  
1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1S 5R1  
Telephone: (613) 523-2268 Fax: (613) 523-2552

Canadian Physiotherapy Association  
(Toronto Office)  
2345 Yonge Street, Suite 410  
Toronto, ON M4P 2E5  
Telephone: (416) 932-1881 Toll Free: 1-800-387-8679  
Fax: (416) 932-9708  
Email: information@physiotherapy.ca

(Ottawa Office)  
1400 Blair Place, Suite 205  
Gloucester, ON K1J 9B8  
Telephone: (613) 564-5454 Fax: (613) 564-1577

Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulatory Boards  
1243 Islington Avenue, Suite 501  
Toronto, ON M8X 1Y9  
Telephone: (416) 234-8800 Fax: (416) 234-8820

#### Quebec Provincial Offices

Ordre des ergothérapeutes du Québec  
2021 Union Street, Suite 920  
Montréal, QC H3A 2S9  
Telephone: (514) 844-5778 Fax: (514) 844-0478

Ordre des physiothérapeutes du Québec  
7101, Rue Jean-Talon est, bureau 1120  
Anjou, QC H1M 3N7  
Telephone: (514) 351-2770 Toll Free: 1-800-361-2001  
Fax: (514) 351-2658

#### American National Offices

American Occupational Therapy Association Inc.  
1383 Piccard Drive, Suite 300  
Rockville, MD, 20850  
Telephone: (301) 948-9626 Fax: (301) 948-5512

American Physical Therapy Association  
1111 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-1488  
Telephone: (703) 684-2782 Fax: (703) 684-7343

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### 3.6 Program Accreditation

Graduates from McGill may seek licensure around the world. Each country, province or state sets its own requirements for licensure which may necessitate examination, further course work and/or the TOEFL.

#### CANADA:

The Physical Therapy Program is accredited through the Accreditation Council of Canadian Physiotherapy Academic Programs (ACCPAP).

The Occupational Therapy program has been accredited by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.

#### UNITED STATES:

Graduates seeking licensure in the United States should be aware that recent reforms in the immigration laws have led to new requirements for internationally educated health care professionals entering the country, including physical and occupational therapists.

**Physical Therapy** – The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education in the United States has accredited the McGill Physiotherapy program since 1984. This accreditation, which is based on McGill's current B.Sc.(Phys.Ther.) program extends until January 1, 2002. [Further accreditation by the Commission after that date would require a change in the McGill program from an entry-level B.Sc. to an entry-level Masters.](FezA[T].iotherapy prow6rap whhe Mvailab.]e

#### 4.2 Credit System

All courses carry a credit rating. A total of 105 credits must be passed for a B.Sc. degree in Occupational Therapy or in Physical Therapy. (The curriculum was revised effective September 1995, students registered in the Programs prior to that date were required to complete 93 credits.)

Courses are graded either by letter grades or in percentages, with the following correspondence and grade point equivalents:

The earned grade point for each course is calculated by multiplying the credit rating of the course by the numerical equivalent of the letter grade earned. Standing will be determined on the basis of a grade point average (GPA) computed by dividing the sum of the grade points accumulated during the year by the total course credits attempted.

The cumulative grade point average (CGPA) will be the grade point average calculated using the student's entire record in the program. A failed course will continue to be used in the calculation of the CGPA even after the course is repeated and passed, or if a supplemental examination is taken.

#### OTHER LETTER GRADES

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student still fails to obtain a grade of C+ or better in the section, the section must be repeated the next time the course is offered and the evaluation done at the next regularly scheduled time. Once that student obtains a grade of C+ or better in that section, the original course mark will be recorded. If the section is not passed with a grade of C+ or better after one repetition, the mark for the course will be changed from a K to a KF. This will require the student to withdraw from the program.

- f) The supplemental exams for failed professional courses in Year 1, Term A which are pre-requisite to Clinical Affiliation I (580-220B or 581-220B) will be given during the U1 March examination week. If the student passes that supplemental exam with a C+ or better, the student will be placed in a 6-week clinical rotation. If the student does not pass the supplemental exam for the failed pre-requisite course with a grade of C+ or better, the student may not continue in the professional part of the program. The failed pre-requisite course can be repeated the next time it is given. If a grade of C+ or better is attained, the student may then continue in the program. If a grade of C+ or better is not obtained after that course repetition, the student must withdraw from the program.

Satisfactory standing in all required professional courses and clinical placements each year is mandatory to be able to continue in either the Physical or Occupational Therapy programs. The designated clinical courses in the programs are: 581-220B, 581-320C, 581-321C and 581-420A and 581-422B in Physical Therapy and 580-220B, 580-320C, 580-321C and 580-420A and 580-422B in Occupational Therapy. Students must pass all designated prerequisite and required professional courses preceding any clinical placement. If a student fails a clinical placement, one remedial clinical placement is allowed. Remedial placements will be arranged at the discretion of the respective program Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education (ACCE). Given the nature of clinical placement, students are warned that a repeated placement cannot be identical to a failed one. Subsequent failures in any clinical course will result in the student being required to withdraw from the program.

In order to advance into Year 2, the Year 1 clinical course 580-220B or 581-220B must be completed satisfactorily. If a remedial placement is required for this course, it must be completed successfully during June, July or August prior to the commencement of Term A in Year 2.

If a student fails a clinical placement, one remedial clinical placement is allowed. Remedial placements will be arranged at the discretion of the respective program Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education (ACCE). Given the nature of clinical placement, students are warned that a repeated placement cannot be identical to a failed one. Subsequent failures in any clinical course will result in the student being required to withdraw from the program.

next supplemental examination period. The Associate Director's Office must be informed within one week of the examination of the reasons for absences. Student Health Service may be required to verify a medical certificate. An L will appear on the Report of Standing in place of a grade in such courses. It will be replaced by the grade obtained in the deferred examination on official transcripts.

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#### **4.9 Reassessments and Rereads**

Papers are marked and grades calculated and handled with considerable care. However, if students wish the calculation of marks checked (reassessment) or a formal final examination paper reread, they should apply in writing to the Associate Director of Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy.

Reassessment is done free of charge by the instructor concerned. If there is no change in the grade as a result of a reassessment, and if there was a formal final examination in the course, the student may apply for a formal reread of the final examination paper, for which there is a \$35 fee. Grades may be either raised or

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## 5.2 Physical Therapy Program

**U1 Required Courses** (32 credits)

**U2 Required Courses** (33 credits)

**U2 Complementary Courses** (9 credits)

Three from a selected list of courses offered by the Faculties of Arts and Science.

**U3 Required Courses** (31 credits)

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## 6 Course Descriptions

The names of course instructors are listed on the Course Timetable available on **infoMcGill** via the Web <http://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/>.

The course credit weight is given in parentheses after the title.







**Master of Science in Rehabilitation Science**

The full curriculum consists of approximately two years of study for graduates who hold a Bachelor of Science degree in one of the medical rehabilitation disciplines or a related field. The program consists of required and elective course work and a research thesis.

**Doctorate in Rehabilitation Science**

The Ph.D. program curriculum consists of three to four years of study, on average, for graduates with Master's level training in one of the medical rehabilitation disciplines or a related field. The program consists of required and elective course work, a comprehensive written examination, a research proposal and a doctoral thesis.

**7.2 Admission Requirements****Master of Science in Rehabilitation Science**

1. A B.Sc. degree or equivalent in physical or occupational therapy or related fields from a university of recognized reputation.
2. Evidence of a high academic achievement equivalent to a B standing, or a McGill CGPA of 3.0 (70-74%).
3. Prerequisite courses may be required in statistics, anatomy, physiology, psychology, sociology, neurophysiology or other areas, depending on the student's anticipated specialization.
4. Non-Canadian applicants to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research whose mother tongue is not English and who have not completed an undergraduate degree using the English language are required to submit documented proof of competency in oral and written English, by appropriate exams, e.g. TOEFL. (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 250 on the computer-based test (School requirement), or the equivalent in other tests.
5. The GRE Test is mandatory for the following applicants:
  - those who do not have a B.Sc. or equivalent from a Canadian University;
  - those who have been out of university for 5 years or more;
  - those whose GPA is below 3.0.

Only the General Test is mandatory. For consideration, students must obtain a minimum score of 550 in each category. For enquiries about Graduate Records Examination, please contact GRE - Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540, (609) 683-2002. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their scores are sent to the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy.

**Master of Science, Applied in Rehabilitation Science**

1. to 5. as above, plus
6. Two years of clinical experience is required.

**Doctorate in Rehabilitation Science**

1. An M.Sc. degree in a rehabilitation-related discipline from a university of recognized reputation.
2. Evidence of a high academic achievement equivalent to a B<sup>+</sup> standing, or a McGill CGPA of 3.3 (75-79%) is required.
3. Proof of proficiency in English.
4. GRE Test with a minimum score of 600 in each category. The GRE Test is mandatory for the following applicants:
  - those who do not have a B.Sc. or equivalent from a Canadian University;
  - those who have been out of university for 5 years or more;
  - those whose GPA is below 3.0.

If a graduate student accepted into the M.Sc. program demonstrates superior performance in the first year, the Graduate Committee, in consultation with the thesis supervisor, may recommend waiving the M.Sc. thesis requirement, and allow the student to proceed directly to the Ph.D. program.

**7.3 Application Procedures**

Application forms for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, for the degree of M.Sc., M.Sc.A., or Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science, may be requested directly from the School.

Once completed, the application form and required documents should be returned to the Associate Director, Graduate Program, School of Physical and Occupational Therapy.

Applications will be considered upon receipt of:

1. application form,
2. official transcripts,
3. letters of reference,
4. \$60 application fee,
5. test results (GRE, TOEFL).

Deadline: February 15.

**Elective Courses** (15 credits)

**Project Component – Required** (14 credits)

### **DOCTORATE IN REHABILITATION SCIENCE**

Doctoral students will be required to pursue at least three years of full-time residence study in the graduate program of the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy.

The curriculum will be divided as follows:

**Required Courses** (15 credits)

Of the five required courses, at least two\* will already have been completed by students with an M.Sc. in Rehabilitation Science from McGill.

**Elective Courses** (6 credits)

### **Comprehensive Examination**

The student must successfully pass a written comprehensive examination by the end of the second academic year. The format will be three questions to be answered in essay style over a five-day period. An additional requirement may include an oral component.

### **Thesis Component - Required**

The student carries out a research study in an approved subject area under the guidance of an internal supervisor (from within the School) or an external supervisor (from outside the School).

### **Research Proposal**

A research proposal is to be submitted in written form and defended in front of a supervisory committee. Research proposals should be completed during the second full-time year, following the comprehensive examination.

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- Denotes courses not offered in 2001-02.

**582-508A,B PLASTICITY IN REHABILITATION.**