



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Pre-Medical Rehabilitation: Physical Therapy 2012 - 2013

Physical therapy (or physiotherapy) is the art and science of rehabilitation by restoring the maximum levels of independence and functional movement to individuals with physical or physiological disorders. In the treatment of disorders, physical therapists use techniques such as tissue manipulation, therapeutic movement, heat, cold, and ultrasound.

You have the vision, determination, and passion to become a physical therapist, and you're looking for a university with a strong reputation, personal attention, and excellent research opportunities to help you gain admission to physical therapy. Come to The University of Winnipeg for your pre-professional studies and put our small class sizes, community atmosphere, central location, and reputation for excellence to work for you.

Our campus is **located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg**—central to Winnipeg's medical library, major hospitals, research centres, and labs such as the National Microbiology Laboratory and the National Research Council's Institute for Biodiagnostics; it's a great location for studying, volunteering, research, and entertainment.

As a University of Winnipeg student, you will get to know your professors and other students because of our **small classes and community atmosphere**. Our excellent professors—including five Canada Research Chairs—are supportive and accessible, contributing to the many successes of our students.

With students at the second, third, and fourth-year levels doing research alongside some of our most innovative professors, we offer you **research opportunities** that are not available to undergraduate students at other universities. You can also gain **hands-on experience** in your area of study by working as a marker or lab demonstrator, participating in co-op programs and practicum placements, and getting involved with one of the many active student groups on campus.

YOUR EDUCATION

Year 1: Pre-Physical Therapy at The University of Winnipeg

- The University of Winnipeg is an excellent place to fulfill the entrance requirements for physical therapy at the University of Manitoba or other universities across Canada.
- Each physical therapy program has its own entrance requirements. To meet the current entrance requirements for a Bachelor of Physical Therapy at the University of Manitoba, you must complete a minimum of **24 credit hours** in two consecutive fall/winter terms, including the "Pre-Professional Requirements" listed below. (NOTE: The current structure of the Physical Therapy program at the University of Manitoba is under review.)

Years 2-4: Professional Studies: Physical Therapy

- During your pre-professional studies at The University of Winnipeg, you may apply for admission to a physical therapy program at another university.
- A bachelor's degree in physical therapy (currently offered at the University of Manitoba) requires three years of professional study after one year of pre-professional studies; a master's degree in physical therapy requires two years of professional study after the completion of an undergraduate (3 or 4-year bachelor's) degree.
- Enrolment in physical therapy programs is limited, and only qualified applicants are chosen.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Below are the current requirements to enter the Bachelor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Manitoba. However, the University of Manitoba has applied to replace their bachelor's program with a master's degree, in which case you would need to complete an entire bachelor's degree of any kind before entry into Physical Therapy. Please consult with the School of Medical Rehabilitation to stay up-to-date with their changes, or use the contact information at the end of this sheet to get further information from us.

Current Bachelor of Physical Therapy Entrance Requirements:

"Core" courses:

One of:

BIOL-1102(6) Biology and Human Concerns, OR

BIOL-1112(6) Human Anatomy and Physiology

PSYC-1000(6) Introductory Psychology

Non-"core" courses:

3 credit hours first year English course to fulfil the University of Manitoba's Written English requirement

9 credit hours Electives

Please note that you do not have to take a mathematics or statistics course to apply to Physical Therapy; you will fulfil the University of Manitoba's Mathematics Requirement by taking a required statistics course within the Physical Therapy program. All applicants to Physical Therapy at the University of Manitoba must have a minimum grade of "B" in all required "core" courses and a minimum adjusted grade point average (AGPA) of 3.0 or better, and also must have completed at least 24 credit hours of studies in one regular fall/winter session.

NOTE: You must consult with the institution where you plan to complete your studies to ensure that you choose an appropriate set of courses and that you will meet the entrance requirements for your physical therapy program of choice.

YOUR FIRST YEAR

We are committed to helping you have a smooth transition from high school to university. You will attend a First Year Survival Session and other orientation sessions to prepare you for university life and introduce you to the facilities and services you will need on campus. We recommend that you choose one of the various sections of Academic Writing to learn the essential strategies for university writing and research. Our Tutoring Centre (3rd floor of Graham Hall) offers peer tutoring to help you develop your writing skills, and in case you need it, our Learning Centre offers free tutoring in chemistry, math, and physics.

YOUR SUCCESS

The University of Winnipeg has a rich history of academic excellence, and a reputation for providing thorough preparation for professional and graduate programs at other universities. We offer the courses, supports, and challenges you will need to get in to physical therapy and build a rewarding, successful career as a physical therapist.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"The University of Winnipeg is an active university, not only in terms of academic study, but also politically. The University gave me power of expression and character. It was a place where my professors' doors were open. All the people that I knew who were working toward getting into professional programs did get in." - *Matthew Talpt (Assoc. Alum '94) completed his pre-professional studies at The University of Winnipeg before studying Physical Therapy at the University of Manitoba. He is working part-time in physical therapy in Calgary.*

WHERE CAN I STUDY PHYSICAL THERAPY?

The Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA) anticipates that by 2010, a professional master's degree in physical therapy will be required for entry into the profession. University programs are making the transition from undergraduate to master's-level programs. You may apply for admission to any of the 13 Canadian universities offering physical therapy programs, or apply to institutions in the United States or elsewhere. Explore your options at The University of Winnipeg's Career Resource Centre, rooms 1A01 and 1A02 in the first floor of Ashdown Hall, or read about the profession and different degree programs online at www.physiotherapy.ca

IN CASE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND...

Courses taken as part of pre-professional studies are applicable to University of Winnipeg degree programs. If you change your mind about your studies, you may wish to consult with an Academic Advisor or an instructor from your area of interest to formulate a new study plan.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by March 1st. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

NOTE: Admission to The University of Winnipeg does not guarantee admission to physical therapy. As a pre-professional student, you are responsible to research and apply for admission to your professional school of choice.

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