



# School of Physical and Occupational Therapy

EXCELLENCE THROUGH GROWTH

## M.Sc. Rehabilitation Science (THESIS)

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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%)

***A Graduate Records Examination Test (GRE) is recommended for those who have graduated more than 5 years ago; those who do not have a B.Sc. or equivalent from a Canadian University. Only the General Test is mandatory.***

For enquiries about Graduate Records Examination, please contact GRE Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540 or at the following web site: <http://www.gre.org/>

Applicants must ensure that **official test results are sent to McGill University directly by the testing service.** Applications cannot be considered if test results are not available.

3. Before applying to the program, the applicant must be accepted by a supervisor in our graduate faculty. We encourage you to begin contacting potential supervisors as soon as possible. You can set-up a meeting, E-mail them or contact them by telephone. Please go to: <http://www.mcgill.ca/spot/people>, and click on Faculty. There you will find all the professors teaching in the Faculty along with their specialty. We encourage you to begin contacting potential supervisors as soon as possible. One of the most important factors to consider is teaming up with a supervisor who is conducting research most closely related to your own area of interest.

Here are some of the points you should consider in choosing a graduate supervisor:

- their style of supervision
- their track record for previous graduate students including typical times-to-degree and completion rates
- the amount of time that students can expect to spend with their supervisor
- their research funding
- the possibility of financial support

Ask for names and E-mail addresses from past and current students under their supervision. Contact them about their experiences as a graduate student.

#### 4. *Non-Canadian applicants:*

Applicants to graduate studies whose mother tongue is **NOT** English and who have not completed an undergraduate degree or graduate degree from a recognized foreign institution where English is the language of instruction or from a recognized Canadian Institution (Anglophone or Francophone), must 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 100 on the Internet-based test with each component score not less than 20 (School requirement), or IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) with a minimum overall band score of 7.0. For more information, please refer to the following link: <http://www.ielts.org/>

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** (i.e. students who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents) who have applied to McGill and who have received formal acceptance from the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office can then begin the process of applying for a visa to come to Canada to study. An acceptance package from the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office containing all the relevant information is included with the Offer of Admission and detailed information for obtaining employment authorization. **PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION CAREFULLY.**

#### 5. *Admission to a Qualifying Program:*

Applicants whose academic degree and standing entitle them to serious consideration for admission to a M.Sc. Program but who are considered inadequately prepared in the research area chosen may, upon recommendation by the Graduate Committee and with permission of the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office, be admitted to a "Qualifying Program".

Qualifying students are registered in the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office, but not as candidates for a degree. The courses taken during a qualifying year will **not** be credited towards a degree program. Qualifying students must take a full load (12 credits minimum) per semester of undergraduate courses as specified by the school. Having successfully completed **all** the courses of the Qualifying Program, the student may then seek permission from the Graduate Committee to proceed towards a degree.

**Note:** Only one year of the Qualifying Program is permitted (maximum of 2 full-time terms).

If an applicant who is accepted into the M.Sc. Thesis Program demonstrates a 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. To bypass the M.Sc. Degree (Guidelines for waiving the M.Sc. thesis requirements and allowing the student to proceed directly into the Ph.D. Program), a student must have achieved an A<sup>-</sup> average, produced a written research proposal rated as "Very Good" to "Excellent", obtained the same grade in the oral defense, and demonstrated research ability (i.e. by having collected pilot data or having had research experience as an undergraduate student). The request to proceed to the Ph.D. Program must be made in writing by the student.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply please go to: <http://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply/>, and follow the steps. Please note that the deadline to apply is January 31<sup>st</sup>. All supplemental application materials and supporting documents must be uploaded directly on the on-line application. Applications will be considered upon receipt of the following required documents.

1. The completed **online application form** <http://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply>
2. The **application fee of CAD\$ 104.86 CDN\$**. When applying on the web, a valid credit card number must be provided.
3. **Unofficial university transcripts** A record of study is required from each university institution you have attended. An unofficial copy of your complete university level academic record to date must be uploaded through your applicant page.
4. **Two (2) letters of recommendation are required.** You must identify two instructors on the application form who are familiar with your work, and who are willing to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. You must provide a valid institutional e-mail address for each referee. **Letters from relatives of the candidate are not accepted.**
5. A complete **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** to be uploaded, including relevant personal data, education and academic awards received, professional experience and affiliations, courses and seminars attended, research activities and publications.
6. A completed **applicant statement** on the web application describing your particular area of interest, objectives and expectations regarding the program, as well as career goals.
7. **Official reports of scores for TOEFL/IELTS and/or GRE** if required. In order for McGill to receive these test scores on time, you should consider writing the examinations up to six months preceding the beginning of the program.

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For more general information about Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at McGill, please visit the following address:

[http://www.mcgill.ca/study/university\\_regulations\\_and\\_resources/graduate](http://www.mcgill.ca/study/university_regulations_and_resources/graduate)