



School of Physical and Occupational Therapy

EXCELLENCE THROUGH GROWTH

Ph.D. Rehabilitation Science (THESIS)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. A M.Sc. or M.Sc. (Non-Thesis) Degree in a rehabilitation-related discipline from a university of recognized reputation.

Applicants with a M.Sc. Non-Thesis Degree may be placed into the Ph.D. 1 level or into a M.Sc. Thesis Degree with the option of switching over into the Ph.D. Program if they meet certain criteria (see point #6 M.Sc. Thesis for further detail). In most cases, applicants who have completed a M.Sc. Thesis Degree, are placed into Ph.D. 2.

2. Evidence of a high academic achievement equivalent to a B⁺ standing, or a McGill CGPA of 3.3 (75-79%) is required.
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 the students about their experiences as a graduate student.

Students who have passed a preliminary screening may be asked by prospective supervisors to submit a sample of their scientific writing (either a published article or their thesis). They must also be prepared to make a 10-minute oral presentation of their M.Sc. Thesis.

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/>

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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (i.e. Applicants 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 their study permits to study in Canada. 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.**

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 31st. 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\$120.99**. 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 level 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** from individuals who have known the candidate in an academic or work-related capacity. A link will be sent to referees that have been identified on the application. The referee should then use this link to submit their reference letter. **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** to be upload 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** 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.

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