



2025-2026 Qualifying Year for the M.Sc.(A) P.T. Guide

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Qualifying Year (OT QY) for the M.Sc. (A) P.T. is one academic year given over two semesters: fall and winter. This is immediately followed by the Master of Science (Applied) Physical Therapy [M.Sc.(A) P.T.] program which is 1.5 academic years (5 semesters) in duration.

Program Direction and Staff Support

- Director of the QY and M.Sc.(A)P.T. program is Prof Richard Preuss (Richard.preuss@mcgill.ca)
- Associate Program Director of the QY and M.Sc.(A)P.T. program is Prof Liliane Asseraf Pasin (Liliane.asseraf.pasin@mcgill.ca)
- Student Affairs Coordinator responsible for the QY and M.Sc.(A) P.T. program Ms. Marlene Brettler (profmasters.spot@mcgill.ca)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for advising.

EMAIL NOTICES

[Policy on email communication with students.](#)

Email is one of the official means of communication between McGill University and its students. *Notices from McGill and the School, including your instructors, will be communicated via e-mail to your **McGill e-mail** address only (firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca), and will not be sent to any other e-mail address. As well, you are required to send your questions or inquiries using your **McGill e-mail** (firstname.lastname@mail.mcgill.ca).*

Program Timeline Overview		
Term	Content	Approximate Time Period
QY Fall	Academic Classes	End of August to December
QY Winter	Academic Classes	January to mid- April
M1 Summer	Clinical Practica 1 and 2	Mid-April to the end of August
M1 Fall	Academic Classes	End of August to December
M1 Winter (Part 1)	Clinical Practicum 3	January to March break (Reading Week)
M1 Winter (Part 2)	Academic Classes	After March break(Reading Week) to mid-May
M2 Summer	Master's Project	Mid-May to August
M2 Fall	Clinical Practicum 4	September to December

ADMISSION TO THE MASTER OF SCIENCE, APPLIED, PHYSICAL THERAPY –SUMMER 2026

Master of Science (Applied) Physical Therapy begins with 2 summer clinical courses from mid-April. Details to follow in the fall and winter terms.

There are spaces reserved for all students who enter the PT QY stream to the MSc (A) in the same discipline. You will need to complete and submit payment for a simplified SLATE application for admission to the MSc (A) PT for summer 2026. Application Instructions will be provided during the fall term.

Note: A minimum cGPA of 3.0/4.0 is required. Students may not be admitted to the MSc (A) PT degree if they have demonstrated a lack of academic integrity or professional behaviour during the QY program.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2025 Wednesday August 27th, 2025 – Friday December 19th, 2025

- **Classes begin:** Wednesday, August 27
- **Deadline to register for at least one course** to avoid registration penalties: Thursday August 14 (see note regarding IPEA courses)
- **Deadline to cancel registration:** Sunday, August 31
- **Add/Drop deadline:** Tuesday, September 9
- **Course or University Withdrawal with refund deadline:** Tuesday, September 16
- **Course or University Withdrawal WITHOUT REFUND deadline:** Tuesday, October 28
 - **Fall Reading Break:** Tuesday, October 14 to Friday, October 17 inclusive
 - **Makeup Day:** Wednesday, December 3 (On Wednesday, December 3, the normal Wednesday schedule of course lectures, labs, and conferences will be replaced by a Monday schedule)
 - **Classes end:** Wednesday, December 3
 - **Study Day:** Thursday, December 4
 - **Exams begin:** Friday, December 5
 - **Exams end:** Friday, December 19 (11 days, including evening exams)

Legal holidays

All course activities are cancelled, and administrative offices are closed on the following dates:

- **Labour Day:** Monday, September 1
- **Thanksgiving:** Monday, October 13
- **Holiday break:** Thursday, December 25, 2025, to Friday, January 2, 2026, inclusive

Library hours are available on the Library website.

Winter 2026 January 5, 2026 – April 17, 2026

- **Classes begin:** Monday, January 5, 2026
- **Deadline to cancel registration:** Wednesday, December 31, 2025
- **Add/Drop deadline:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- **Course or University Withdrawal with refund deadline:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026
- **Course or University Withdrawal WITHOUT REFUND deadline:** Tuesday, March 10th, 2026
- **Winter Reading Break:** from March 2 to March 6, 2026 inclusive
- **Classes end:** Thursday April 2, 2026
- **Exams begin:** Tuesday April 7, 2026
- **Exams end:** Friday, April 17, 2026

There are many other types of deadlines and events that you may need to be aware of (e.g., registration start and end dates, thesis deadlines, convocation dates, fee payment deadlines). These can be found on the Important Dates Search Tool.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND MINERVA REGISTRATION FALL AND WINTER COURSES

You must log on to Minerva and register between: **July 8th to August 14th, 2025** (inclusive) to avoid late registration fees.

*Students **who fail to register** in at least one course by August 14th, 2025, may continue to register after this date, up to the end of the registration period on September 9th, 2025, but **with** McGill late registration penalties.*

*Students **who register** in at least one course by August 14th, 2025, may continue to register after this date, up to the end of the registration period on September 9th, 2025, **without** late registration penalties.*

Note 1: You will need to attend any holds before you are able to register on Minerva. You will NOT be able to register if you have any outstanding fee balance with the University or if you have any other holds that prevent you from registering.

PT PREMASTERS QY COURSES AND THEIR COMPONENTS

- All admitted Premasters students have spaces reserved in each course and section components.
- There are no course choices to make.
- You must be registered in all courses, and all the different sections of the courses as indicated in the table below.

Note 2: Registration includes the required non-credit courses:

Fall 2025:

*IPEA 500: Roles in Interprofessional Teams.

Winter 2026:

*IPEA 501: Communication in Interprofessional Teams

*IPEA courses: For both fall and winter the add/drop deadline is September 9th. After this date you may be subject to a late registration fee.

- If you have previously completed IPEA 500 or IPEA 501 at McGill follow the instructions on the [Exemption Request Form](#).
- If you have completed a course similar to IPEA 500 or IPEA 501 at a university other than McGill you will need to be in contact with the Office of Interprofessional Education. For details follow the instructions on the [Exemption Request Form](#). The deadline to request a review for an exemption from IPEA 500 or IPEA 501 is July 31st.

• **Note 3:**

At the start of classes, you will be subdivided into groups as appropriate and will be directed to your activity group.

• **Note 4:**

Break out room sections are additional rooms for the courses/sections. Therefore, these sections are not required to be registered.

PT FALL 2025 COURSES & SECTIONS

Subject	Course	Section	Type	Credits	Title
PHTH	550	001	Lecture	7	Physical Therapy Orthopedic Management.
PHTH	550	002	Laboratory	0	Physical Therapy Orthopedic Management.
PHTH	550	003	Drop-in Lab	0	Physical Therapy Orthopedic Management.
PHTH	551	001	Lecture	4	Physical Therapy Neurological Rehabilitation.
PHTH	551	002	Laboratory	0	Physical Therapy Neurological Rehabilitation.
PHTH	551	003	Drop-in Lab	0	Physical Therapy Neurological Rehabilitation.
PHTH	551	004	Clinical reasoning workshop	0	Physical Therapy Neurological Rehabilitation.
PHTH	554	001	Lecture	2	PT Cardiorespiratory Rehabilitation.
PHTH	554	002	Laboratory	0	PT Cardiorespiratory Rehabilitation.

POTH	563	001	Lecture	3	Foundations of Professional Practice.
POTH	563	003	Tutorial	0	Foundations of Professional Practice.
POTH	563	004	Laboratory	0	Foundations of Professional Practice.
IPEA	500	001	Workshop	0	Roles in Interprofessional Teams.

PT WINTER 2026 COURSES & SECTIONS

Subject	Course	Section	Type	Credits	Title
PHTH	560	001	Lecture	6	Integrated Orthopedic Management.
PHTH	560	002	Laboratory	0	Integrated Orthopedic Management.
PHTH	560	003	Workshop	0	Integrated Orthopedic Management.
PHTH	561	001	Lecture	5	Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation.
PHTH	561	002	Laboratory	0	Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation.
PHTH	561	003	Workshop	0	Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation.
PHTH	564	001	Lecture	3	Integrated Cardiorespiratory Rehabilitation.
PHTH	564	002	Laboratory	0	Integrated Cardiorespiratory Rehabilitation.
IPEA	501	001	Workshop	0	Communication in Interprofessional Teams.

- o Program requirements are also listed on the [School's curriculum page](#) as well as in the [Graduate and Postdoctoral Course Catalogue](#).

ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT

- ☐ A minimum grade of B- (**65%**) must be obtained in courses specific to the profession, including each course section, with the course designations of PHTH & POTH.
- ☐ Similarly, the passing grade on any remedial or supplemental assessment or examination is B- (65%) for these courses.
- ☐ Students should be aware that there are specific criteria for promotion for courses with theoretical and practical components or individual and group work.
This is in addition to fulfilling all specific course requirements outlined in the Important Information, Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and other [QY documents](#).

NB: **A minimum cGPA** of 3.0 or higher is necessary to be promoted to M1 [MSc (A) PT] in addition to achievement of the required skills and attributes for entry to practice ([see Essential Skills and Attributes](#)).

RESOURCES RELATED TO REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [Check your Personal Registration Start](#)
 - [Courses and Programs – Registering for Courses and How to Use Minerva](#)
 - [Handling registration issues](#)
 - [How to verify your course registration](#)
- To ensure that you have correctly registered to all your courses, look up your [\(student record\) in Minerva](#).
- [How to verify your personal weekly class schedule](#)
- Look up your weekly class schedule [\(student record\) in Minerva](#).

STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality of personal information and access to documents are governed by the provisions of the Quebec Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (the Access Act). The privacy regulations prohibit McGill from releasing any academic or other information regarding students without their specific written and signed consent.

STUDENT ID:

Details about obtaining a McGill Student ID card are available at [How to get a student ID card](#)

YOUR STUDENT RECORD

While all courses offered at McGill have academic merit, not all are appropriate for credit towards the qualifying year for the M.Sc.(A) P.T. Students should consult the information on the [School's website](#) for the regulations governing which courses are required for Qualifying Year and program completion.

Keep in mind that students are responsible for the correctness and completeness of their records. It is your responsibility to make sure that your student record is accurate and that all required courses are correctly recorded in order to be promoted.

While faculty advisers and staff are always available to give advice and guidance, it is the student's ultimate responsibility for:

- (1) Completeness and correctness of course selection,
- (2) Compliance with and completion of program and degree requirements, and
- (3) Observance of regulations and deadlines.

It is the student's responsibility to seek guidance if in any doubt; misunderstanding or misapprehension will not be accepted as cause for dispensation from any regulation, deadline, program, or degree requirement.

myProgress

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) has developed a tool called **myProgress** that is available for all graduate students. This tool allows graduate students to view their degree progress; it shows what degree requirements have been completed and what ones must be completed.

STUDENT RECORDS – FORMS:

Select "Graduate Students" in the navigation bar.

Select "Physical and Occupational Therapy – Professional Programs" as your department.

You can access useful forms including the **Request for Registration/Course Changes** form that is necessary to make a late-registration or late-withdraw request.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Please refer to the [Student Accounts website](#) for payment information including deadlines and mode of payment. You can access your e-billing assessment through your Minerva student account.

Consult the [Tuition Fees Table](#) and the [Tuition Calculator](#).

Make sure any required [Legal Documents](#) are submitted.

NB:

The University shall have no obligation to issue any transcript of record, award any diploma, or re-register a student in case of non-payment of tuition fees, library fees, residence fees or loans on their due date. Access to Minerva for the Registration functions will be denied until these debts are paid in full, or arrangements made to settle the debt.

McGill International Student Requirements

International Students have mandatory requirements imposed by the Federal and Provincial governments.

- Federal Government Requirements
- Study Permit
- Provincial Government Requirements
- Québec Acceptance Certificate (CAQ)
- Co-Op Work Permit (requirement for students in programs with mandatory clinical practica which begin in summer of M1)

Students are advised to inform themselves of all requirements early and to ensure that applications for all necessary documentation are made well ahead of time because application processing times can be lengthy. Failure to have the necessary documentation can result in the delay of student's clinical placements or in university withdrawal.

For full details on what is required, international students are advised to contact International Student Services.

Make sure all Legal Documents are submitted by the deadlines.

CLINICAL COURSES

The first clinical courses in the M.Sc. (A) P.T. program begin in the spring and summer immediately following the Premasters (PT QY) academic year. Details on clinical courses will be provided in the Premasters year and can be found on the School's website.

The Academic Coordinators for Clinical Education are:

Professor Martha Visintin (martha.visintin@mcgill.ca)

Professor Sarah Turgeon-Desilets

Administrative and Student Affairs Coordinator:

Nadina Paraschuk (PT)/Roxanne Roman (OT) clinicaleducation.spot@mcgill.ca)

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL COURSES

Prior to starting their first clinical course (Spring M1), students must ensure that their immunization records are complete in Fall QY. Failure to do so will prevent students from starting their first clinical course in the professional masters' program.

Some vaccines may require you to follow immunization schedules that last several months. Verify details of the immunization requirements and obtain the form to be completed from the McGill Student Wellness Hub, which allows students to submit their immunization records directly to the Hub. All supporting documentation regarding immunization must be submitted to the Student Wellness Hub.

Students are asked to submit their duly completed and signed immunization forms (with supporting documentation if specified) by Dec 1 at the latest or their supporting immunization documentation via the Student Wellness Hub's secure document submission platform.

For complete details, consult the Student Wellness Hub

CPR

Valid CPR/AED Level (Health Care Provider) certification or equivalent is required prior to going into any of the clinical affiliation placements and must be maintained throughout the professional Master's program.

FRENCH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

English and French is essential for students who will be working in clinical affiliations throughout the province of Quebec. French is the official language in Quebec and thus health and social services administered by the Ministry of Health are bound by the Charter of the French Language. This means that all health and social service institutions operate in French.

Certain institutions have a bilingual mandate for patient care but team meetings and dealings with third party agencies operate in French only. Some of the clinical communication competencies you will exercise during your studies include: listening to a client or their family describe the reason for consulting, asking questions to learn more, explaining a condition in formal and informal terms, and communicating with other healthcare professionals. This could be in-person, on the phone, or with written documentation. As such, all applicants should be aware that any clinical placements in the province of Quebec require the ability to communicate (written and oral) in French.

Language Requirements for Professions

Quebec law requires that candidates seeking admission to provincially recognized professional Orders must be able to communicate verbally and in writing in French. To demonstrate a working knowledge of French, the professional corporation requires one of the following:

- Evidence that you have completed three years of full-time instruction in a French post-primary school.
- A certificate that shows you completed your secondary education in Quebec in 1986 or later
- Successful completion of a written examination set by Quebec's *Office québécois de la langue française* (OQLF). See below for more information.

If you are a registered student and are within two years of graduating with a degree that will give you access to a professional Order you can write the OQLF examination. Students must register online with the www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca. Examinations take place every three months. Priority is given to students closest to graduation.

More information may be obtained from the *Office québécois de la langue française*, 125 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, H2X 1X4. Telephone: 514-873-6565. Website: www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca.

Visit www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca and <https://examens.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca/Compte/inscription> for information on the online application for the exam.

FRENCH FOR HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS

Students might find French as a Second Language courses beneficial to ameliorate their language skills.

[McGill French Language Centre](#) offers great courses geared to Health Science students.

Note: These require a placement test.

PREPARATORY WORKSHOP FOR OQLF EXAM

There has been excellent feedback/positive outcomes for the Office québécois de la langue française (OQLF) exam preparatory workshops.

To be eligible to practice in Quebec as health and social service professionals you may have to pass the exam administered by the Office québécois de la langue française.

Please note that if you obtained a secondary school certificate in Québec as of the school year 1985-1986, you are recognized as already having the required knowledge in French.



Information about the OQLF Workshops

- **Cost:** Free for eligible participants
- **Prerequisites:** Advanced intermediate level (B2), QUM8
- **Group size:** Limited to 8 participants

Quebec, members of professional orders must demonstrate adequate proficiency in French to practice their profession. This typically involves passing the French proficiency exam administered by the Office québécois de la langue française (OQLF).

In partnership with Dialogue McGill, the Centre for French Language Teaching (CEF) offers a free, two-part workshop to help you prepare for the OQLF exam.

Format:

Day 1 - Group Session | 2 hours

- Reading activity | Case study
- Speaking activity | Group discussion about the case
- Writing activity | Writing about the case

Day 2 - Individual sessions | 30 minutes

- Speaking activity | Mock interview

McGill Student Aid and Scholarship office has all the resources and advice you need to help pay for university, from step-by-step guides on how to apply for funding to information on how to budget effectively.

McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill



Eligible SPOT programs

- MSc, Rehabilitation Science (Non-Thesis)
- MSc, Rehabilitation Science (Thesis)
- MSc(A) OT, Occupational Therapy (Non-Thesis)
- MSc (A) PT, Physical Therapy (Non-Thesis)

Who should apply?

McCall MacBain Scholars have a track record of community engagement, informed by a sense of duty, empathy, intellectual curiosity, grit, and a willingness to take risks. They aim to create meaningful and lasting change, while improving the lives of others.

How to apply

Starting on June 1st, you can apply at mccallmacbainscholars.org/apply. This application involves the submission of two reference forms and other materials before **September 24, 2025**, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time. Don't delay!

Scholar experience

The scholarship provides much more than financial support. Hear from inaugural McCall MacBain Scholars about their experience in the program:

[What is it like to be a McCall MacBain Scholar? \(video\)](#)

[Meet the scholars](#)

[Application tips from scholars \(video\)](#)



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ANATOMY REVIEW WORKSHOP
2025-2026 Qualifying Year for MSc(A) OT/MSc(A) PT
And Professional Qualification Students

Dear future PT and OT qualifying year and Professional Qualification students,

We hope you are looking forward to the start of your new and exciting programs! The McGill School of Physical and Occupational Therapy (SPOT) requires students to have an excellent knowledge of anatomy prior to beginning the PT/ OT qualifying year and Professional Qualification programs. As such, SPOT is organizing a functional anatomy review workshop for incoming PT/OT qualifying and professional students to support your integration of this important knowledge before starting the programs in the Fall.

The Anatomy Review Workshop will be held in person in the [Strathcona Anatomy Labs](#) at McGill University. The workshop will include the use of cadaveric prosections and is intended as a review of important anatomical structures and their clinical relevance, helpful for your training this upcoming school year, as well as future professions. Students attending the anatomy workshop are **expected to study and prepare in advance (a list of study materials will be provided to participants approximately 1 month prior to the workshop)**. Even if you have worked as a clinician before and/or have an anatomy background, these sessions are **strongly recommended**.

The schedule for the workshop is as follows (attendance is required for both days):

- **Workshop Day 1: Thursday, August 21st 8:30-12:30pm**
- **Workshop Day 2: Friday, August 22nd 8:30-12:30pm**

The sessions will be led by PT and OT students who have previously worked as anatomy lab instructors. PT/OT and Anatomy faculty members will also be present to support your learning. As mentioned, you are expected to carefully review the study materials provided prior to attending the workshop to maximize your learning experience.

The cost of the anatomy workshop is **60\$ (Canadian) per student**. If you wish to attend the anatomy workshop, please register at the following link: <https://mycourses-store.mcgill.ca/product?catalog=SPOT-008>

Students will be provided with a lab coat and goggles to wear on the days of the workshops (to be returned). Gloves and masks will also be provided.

Deadline to Register: August 1st, 2025

Please do not hesitate to communicate with me should you have any questions regarding the workshop.

Sincerely,

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ORIENTATION

Please join the PTU3 students for a MANDATORY In-person orientation:

TBD

(ATTEND CLASSES AS SCHEDULED ON AUGUST 27TH, 2025)

CAMPUS LIFE AND ENGAGEMENT (CL&E)

Campus Life & Engagement provides multiple virtual programs to help orient incoming graduate students. All new students are encouraged to view the information at [Your First Year at McGill](#) for details about orientation activities and workshop.

Orientation includes many activities for new students in the days leading up to the beginning of classes. It is an opportunity for you to get to know the University, the city of Montreal, other new students, and upper-year students.

Orientation is your chance to learn all about the services, resources, and opportunities dedicated to supporting the success of graduate students at McGill. It's also a great opportunity to connect directly with service representatives and have your questions answered in real time.

Graduate Orientation Workshop Series

Beginning week of August 18th

Join us for in-person workshops, panels, and info sessions for new graduate students!

Graduate Orientation hosts sessions, some of which are dedicated to students entering Masters or Doctoral programs, but most of them are applicable to every new graduate student.

International Student Orientation

To be in the know before you even begin the semester, make sure to participate in the virtual [Pre-Arrival Webinars](#)

International Student Orientation events are open to NEW McGill international undergraduate, graduate, and exchange students starting in September 2025. For campus-wide orientation, please visit the [Campus-Life and Engagement website!](#) If you are an international student, join **International Student Services** for opportunities to connect with new and returning international students, receive essential information and advice, and explore Montreal's iconic neighbourhoods and local food culture! Visit the [Orientation for New International Students webpage](#) for more information!

We encourage you to participate in all these activities.