

## ARE YOU READY FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL?

The MSc Physiotherapy Program is a graduate program that is committed to providing an educational opportunity, which is excellent, innovative and consistent with the mission of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**How is Graduate School different from Undergraduate School?** Graduate school is a more concentrated course of study with higher expectations regarding the quality and quantity of your academic work. The MSc Physiotherapy Graduate Program entails the following:

- Focuses studies in discipline specific and evidence-based practice.
- Problem-based, small group, self-directed learning.
- Rigorous self- and peer evaluation of your work.
- Requires a higher standard of professional behaviour.
- Clinical placements to apply knowledge they have acquired in the academic setting.

The Program suggests that you answer the following questions to ensure you are prepared for graduate school:

1. Are you currently working? If so, do you have the ability to decrease your work hours (no more than 10 hours per week, as per School of Graduate Studies) or stop working once you begin the MSc Physiotherapy Program?
  
2. Do you have reliable transportation to attend university-based classes and clinical placement, within the McMaster MSc PT Catchment area (<http://srs-mcmaster.ca/pt-program-information/>), with both potentially taking place outside of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours and weekdays?
  
3. Do you have the financial means to be in school full-time for 25-months (rent, food, etc.)? The estimated cost while in the MSc Physiotherapy Program, including books and fees (as per the Fall 2016 costs):

Tuition:	\$10,500.00*
Supplementary Fees:	\$ 1,300.00*
Clinical Education Fees:	\$ 600.00
PT Kit	\$ 175.00
School Council Fees:	\$ 125.00
Anatomy & Hospital Badge Fee:	\$ 10.00
Total	\$12,710.00 - YEAR 1**

\*International students - please go to the McMaster Student Accounts and Cashier's website at [http://www.mcmaster.ca/bms/student/pdf/fees\\_grad\\_otpt.pdf](http://www.mcmaster.ca/bms/student/pdf/fees_grad_otpt.pdf).

\*\*Tuition and supplementary costs are subject to change annually.

For information regarding Financial Aid and Scholarships please visit <https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/>

4. Do you have any upcoming family obligations that may prevent you from focusing on your full-time studies, *i.e.*, birth of a child, medical procedure, wedding?
5. The MSc Physiotherapy Program is currently completed full-time over 25-months and downtime is limited. Do you have support that will allow you to successfully complete your studies for 25 months?
6. If you have children, do you have childcare arranged for university-based classes and clinical days? This can include days with varying hours (before or after school).

It is recommended that all questions are answered 'yes'. If you answered 'no' to any question, you may not be ready to participate in full-time graduate studies in the MSc Physiotherapy Program. Prior to moving forward with the application process, it is strongly recommended that you consider strategies to allow for full-time studies in the program in order to answer 'yes' to all questions.