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CHILD LIFE AND PEDIATRIC PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE

Professional Association: The Association of Child Life Professionals www.childlife.org

Protected Title: Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS)

Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University http://childlife.mcmaster.ca/

MSc Child Life and Pediatric Psychosocial Care:
Stream 1 - Academic and clinical training for entry to Child Life Practice

1. An honours bachelor's degree with at least a "B+" average in the final year of undergraduate study.
2. A minimum of 2 undergraduate courses in child development covering birth to 18yrs.
3. A minimum of 100 hours of volunteer experience in a child life setting with infants, children, youth and families.
4. Successful completion of the program's multiple-mini interviews

Stream 2 - Advanced Practice in Pediatric Psychosocial Care for health professionals

1. An honours bachelor's degree with at least a B+ average in the final year of undergraduate study
2. Qualifications as a healthcare professional

Role Description: Child life specialists focus on the psychosocial and developmental needs of children, collaborating with families and other health care providers to:

- Prepare and educate children about medical procedures or treatment to reduce fear and anxiety
- Plan and rehearse coping strategies for medical events and procedures
- Provide support and facilitate coping strategies during procedures to help enhance cooperation with the health care team
- Provide nonpharmacological pain intervention strategies
- Offer opportunities for play and expressive activities, to encourage normal development, enhance understanding about illness and hospitalization, decrease anxiety and encourage a sense of fun in spite of challenging circumstances
- Coordinate special events, holiday celebrations, entertainment and activities
- Consider the needs of siblings or other children who may also be affected by a child’s illness or trauma
- Provide legacy building and bereavement support

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MEDICINE

Professional Association: Canadian Medical Association  [http://www.cma.ca/](http://www.cma.ca/)

College: College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario  [www.cpso.on.ca](http://www.cpso.on.ca)

Protected Title: Medical Doctor (MD)

Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University  
[http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/mdprog/academic_requirements.html](http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/mdprog/academic_requirements.html)

- At least 3 years of an undergraduate degree
- At least 3.0 GPA
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)
- Completion of a 90 minute computer-based test, called CASPer - the Computer-based Assessment for Sampling Personal characteristics, is a web-based assessment of interpersonal skills and decision-making skills.

Entry to Practice: -3 year undergraduate degree (McMaster)
Medical Foundation x 5; Professional Competencies x 7

Role Description: The practice of medicine is the assessment of the physical or mental condition of an individual or group of individuals at any stage of the biological life cycle; the prevention and treatment of physical and mental disease, disorder and condition; and the promotion of good health.
MIDWIFERY

Professional Association: Association of Ontario Midwives www.ontariomidwives.ca
Canadian Association of Midwives http://www.canadianmidwives.org/

College: College of Midwives of Ontario www.cmo.on.ca

Protected Title: Registered Midwife (RM)

Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University
http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/midwifery/prospective/admissionrequirements.htm

Entry to Practice:
1. Baccalaureate degree in health sciences (midwifery) from a university in Ontario or the equivalent
2. Current clinical experience consisting of active practice for at least two years out of the four years immediately before the date of the application, and have attended at least 60 births in both home and hospital
3. Successful completion of the qualifying examination

Role Description:
The practice of midwifery is the assessment and monitoring of women during pregnancy, labour and the post-partum period and of their newborn babies, the provisions of care during normal pregnancy, labour and post-partum period and the conducting of spontaneous normal vaginal deliveries (Midwifery Act, 1991).

The midwife is recognised as a responsible and accountable professional who works in partnership with women to give the necessary support, care and advice during pregnancy, labour and the postpartum period, to conduct births on the midwife’s own responsibility and to provide care for the newborn and the infant. This care includes preventative measures, the promotion of normal birth, the detection of complications in mother and child, the accessing of medical care or other appropriate assistance and the carrying out of emergency measures.

The midwife has an important task in health counselling and education, not only for the woman, but also within the family and the community. This work should involve antenatal education and preparation for parenthood and may extend to women’s health, sexual or reproductive health and child care. A midwife may practise in any setting including the home, community, hospitals, clinics or health units. (International Definition of Midwife, International Confederation of Midwives 2011)
NURSING

Professional Association: Canadian Nurses Association https://www.cna-aiic.ca/en

College: College of Nurses of Ontario http://www.cno.org/

Protected Titles: Registered Nurse (RN); Registered Practical Nurse (RPN)

Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University

For Applicants directly from Ontario Secondary Schools: Cumulative Average varies year-to-year and site to site (depending on resources).

For Applicants with a University Degree or with University Degree Credits: Must have a cumulative average of at least B- in all university degree credit courses taken. http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/nursing/

Entry to Practice: RN – 4 year BScN degree;
Successful completion of 2 qualifying examinations (Jurisprudence Exam; Canadian Registered Nurses Exam (CRNE))

RPN – 2 year diploma program;
Successful completion of 2 qualifying examinations (Jurisprudence Exam; Canadian Practical Nurses Registered Exam (CPNRE))

Role Description: The practice of nursing is the promotion of health, and the assessment, treatment and evaluation of health conditions by supportive, preventive, therapeutic, palliative and rehabilitative means in order to attain or maintain optimal function. The goal of nursing professional practice is to obtain the best possible outcomes for clients/families/communities.
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Professional Association: Canadian Association of Occupational Therapist http://www.caot.ca/

College: College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario www.coto.org

Protected Title(s): Occupational Therapist O.T. Reg.(Ont.)

Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University https://srs-mcmaster.ca/ot-admissions/

From a 4-year baccalaureate degree: a minimum average of B+ or 77% or 3.30/4 or 9/12. (Applicants may apply in the 4th year of their degree).

From a 3-year baccalaureate degree, same minimum average plus additional university work in order to be eligible to apply.

Invitation to Interview (MMI) based on GPA

Entry to Practice: Must complete a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy from an accredited occupational therapy program. All graduating occupational therapists must pass a national exam to enter professional practice.

Role Description: Occupational therapists work collaboratively with people of all ages to enable them to participate in the occupations that give meaning and purpose to their lives. Occupations are everything that people do to look after themselves, to enjoy life and to contribute to the social and economic fabric of their communities.
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Professional Association: Canadian Association of Physician Assistants http://capa-acam.ca/

College: None

Protected Title(s): Physician Assistant (PA)

Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University

http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/physicianassistant/prospective_students.html

Minimum of 2 years of undergraduate university courses (3.0 GPA)
Supplementary Application
Interviews (MMIs)

Entry to Practice: Must complete a 24 month accredited Physician Assistant Education Program. All graduating PAs must complete pass a national certification exam to enter professional practice as Canadian Certified Physician Assistants.

Role Description: PAs are trained as generalists and have a broad scope of practice as determined by their supervising physician. PAs function as physician extenders, and can be delegated tasks under the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) policy. The profession is currently unregulated in the Province of Ontario, although now regulated in other Provinces.

The physician assistant (PA) work collaboratively with patient care teams, both hospital or community based, and function as physician extenders. Scope of practice includes conducting patient interviews, medical histories, physical examinations; performing diagnostic or therapeutic tests and interventions; developing and implementing management plans; and counseling patients on preventive health care. In many settings, PAs can write prescriptions and medical orders as outlined in medical directives and agreements with community or hospital pharmacies.
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PHYSIOTHERAPY
Professional Association: Canadian Physiotherapy Association www.physiotherapy.ca/
College: College of Physiotherapists of Ontario www.collegept.org
Protected Title(s): Physiotherapist, Physical Therapist (PT)
Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University

http://srs-mcmaster.ca/otpt-admissions/

From a 4-year baccalaureate degree, a minimum average of B or 75% or 3.0/4 or 8/12 (Applicants may apply in the 4th year of their degree).

From a 3-year baccalaureate degree, same minimum average plus additional university work in order to be eligible to apply.

Pre requisites: half credit in human anatomy, human physiology, humanities, and statistics

Those meeting minimum requirements will be invited to on-line Interview.

Entry to Practice: Physiotherapists must complete a Masters degree in Physiotherapy from an accredited physiotherapy program. All graduating physiotherapists must pass a national exam to enter professional practice. Physiotherapists are committed to life long learning and skill development through continuing education programming post-graduation.

Role Description: Physiotherapists are primary health care practitioners who consult and collaborate with clients and others to provide quality client-centred services. Physiotherapists contribute to keeping people productive throughout their lives by maximizing function and improving quality of life. Through evidence-informed practice, physiotherapists prevent, assess, and treat the impact that injury, pain, disease and/or disorders have on clients’ movement, function and health status along the lifespan. Physiotherapists practice both independently and as part of interprofessional teams along the health system continuum from primary to tertiary care.

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SOCIAL WORK

Professional Association: Ontario Association of Social Workers
www.oasw.org

College: Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
www.ocswssw.org

Protected Title(s): Social Worker

Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University School of Social Work, Full and Part time
https://socialwork.mcmaster.ca/future-students

Entry to Practice: BSW degree

Role Description: Work with individuals, families or communities, addressing personal and social problems that occur at individual, family, or community levels. A core component in social work is critical thinking and the ability to recognize and address connections between the personal and political; particularly the ways power imbalances and societal inequalities cause or compound personal troubles.
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Professional Association: Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
http://www.osla.on.ca/

College: College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario
www.caslpo.com

Protected Titles: Speech-Language Pathologist
Speech Therapist

Admission Criteria: Requirements for McMaster University:
https://srs-mcmaster.ca/slp-admissions/#1491934415457-f559d058-9985

Invitation to interview (MMI) based on GPA

Entry to Practice: Entry to practice requirements vary somewhat province-to-province, but all provinces require a Master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Entry to practice requirements for Ontario:
http://www.caslpo.com/applicants/apply-to-the-college

Role Description: Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) help people with communication and swallowing difficulties. SLPs assess, treat, and advocate for the prevention of communication and swallowing disorders. SLPs work in hospitals, schools, preschool programs, day programs, home-care programs, specialized treatment centres, and private practices. SLPs work with people of all ages who have a variety of diagnoses, including pronunciation difficulties, hoarse voices, stuttering, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, autism, cleft lip and palate, strokes, brain injuries, dementia, Parkinson’s disease, and hearing impairment. For more information:
https://srs-mcmaster.ca/slp-program-information/