

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY

2024 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Master of Science in Kinesiology (MSc Kin) is a thesis-based degree program that offers students an opportunity to train in a world-class facility with state-of-the-art equipment and leading faculty researchers. It is offered as both a two-year or 24 months full-time program and on a flex-time basis (max 4 years or 48 months).

Students in the program will complete required coursework and a research-based thesis. Under the mentorship of a faculty supervisor, students will conduct their research-based thesis in an area broadly related to the study of health and physical activity, such as biomechanics and ergonomics, exercise and environmental physiology, behavioural neuroscience, physical activity and health promotion, coaching, sport and performance psychology, or sport management. **A supervisor must be identified as a condition of acceptance into the program. All applicants are encouraged to review the MSc Kinesiology faculty profiles and contact potential supervisors prior to applying to the program. Applicants may apply to the program without an identified supervisor, but run the risk of being declined admission because a faculty member willing to supervise their thesis could not be found**

The MSc Kin program operates using a mentor model. The benefits of a mentor model are numerous, including clarification of research and other funding support at the time of application and focused supervision from the time of registration. The MSc Kin program prepares graduates for further research training (e.g., doctoral, and post-doctoral studies) and a broad range of careers in Kinesiology and related fields, such as medicine, public health, rehabilitation, occupational health and safety, sport, fitness, education, government, and industry.

For further information regarding the Master of Science in Kinesiology program, please visit www.nipissingu.ca/msckin.

Program related questions can be directed to the MSc Kinesiology Program Coordinator: gradkin@nipissingu.ca.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 12, 2024* - for scholarship consideration.
SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE: January 19, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. EST

Applications received after the application deadline date will not be considered for scholarships. Flex-time applicants are not eligible for funding consideration. For questions pertaining to scholarship criteria, please contact sgs@nipissingu.ca.

Applications will continue to be accepted after January 12, 2024 and documentation after January 19, 2024. Late applications will be considered if room remains in the program; funding consideration is not available for late applications and late documentation. Contact admissions@nipissingu.ca or at 705-474-3450 ext. 4600 to verify if late applications are still being accepted.*

***Late applications, application fees, and late documentation must be submitted no later than August 1, 2024.*

SUBMIT ALL SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO:

Nipissing University - Office of the Registrar
100 College Drive, Box 5002
North Bay ON P1B 8L7
Phone: 705-474-3450 ext. 4600
Email: admissions@nipissingu.ca

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must hold an Honours Baccalaureate degree in Kinesiology, a related field (e.g., Physical and Health Education; Human Kinetics; Kinesiology) or equivalent, and at least a 70% average on the last ten full (20 semester) courses completed at the time of application to be considered for admission. Applicants with a three-year undergraduate degree from Europe or other international countries will be considered for admission based on equivalency criteria as determined by the Office of the Registrar.

Applicants with an Honours degree in a related field such as Life Science, Sports Administration, Nursing Science, Rehabilitation Therapy, Sociology, Psychology, Physiology, Mechanical Engineering, Biology and Biochemistry, may be admitted to the program. Such applicants may be required to enroll in undergraduate courses in the School of Physical and Health Education to round out their academic background in movement and physical activity if deemed necessary by the admission committee.

Applicants whose academic record is such that they would not be admissible to the program may be admitted as a mature student if their Baccalaureate degree was completed four or more years prior to the application and the applicant has a demonstrated record of professional or work experience.

NOTE: Non-Academic course grades (e.g. Bachelor of Education, Practical courses, clinical courses, Co-op courses, Placements, etc.) are not used in the calculation of admission averages.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: **(Due January 19, 2024)**

Please submit transcripts, letters of reference and other supporting documentation after you have submitted your online application. Nipissing University cannot verify receipt of transcripts and supporting documents if we have not received your application. You may paperclip your documents. No staples or folders please. Do not bind documents in any other manner.

1. Online application and fee. The online application can be accessed from our website: www.nipissingu.ca/registrarforms. The base application fee will be paid online through the application. Additional transcript fees may apply.
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all institutions attended, including those attended on a Letter of Permission or exchange program. High School or College (diploma programs) transcripts are not required. A copy of the transcript from an exchange program can be sent directly by your host institution to Nipissing University if they are willing to do so, otherwise an official transcript must be sent directly from the university where the exchange program was held. Transcripts from Ontario postsecondary institutions can be ordered through the application process. Transcripts from universities outside of Ontario or within the United States must be sent directly by the issuing institution to Nipissing University (faxed and emailed copies will only be accepted when we can verify that they come directly to us from the issuing institutions). **Internationally-educated applicants** (with the exception of exchange programs) must have their transcripts evaluated (course by course) by the World Education Services – www.wes.org/ca. The WES credential evaluation is also due by the documentation deadline. This requirement cannot be waived.
3. At least two (2) confidential academic recommendations from professors **OR** other appropriate professionals who can speak to their level of preparation and readiness for graduate studies. The references must be from someone qualified to address the academic ability and competence of the applicant to undertake graduate studies. References cannot be completed by anyone who is personally related to the applicant. Recommendations are to be confidential; therefore, they must be mailed in sealed envelopes with the referee's signature over the seal or emailed by the referee using their professional email address and sent directly to admissions@nipissingu.ca. The Academic Recommendation forms are included in this package. **Please indicate to your referee that a comprehensive letter included with the recommendation form will be most beneficial in determining your eligibility for admission.**

4. A **comprehensive** résumé or Curriculum Vitae detailing your educational and professional experience. Please include all information relevant to your MSc Kinesiology application. This may include: scholarships and awards, significant academic accomplishments, certifications and qualifications, internships and placements, research projects, involvement in student organizations, volunteer work, and publications and presentations.
5. A typed Statement of Interest which **MUST** provide the following information:
 - MSc Kinesiology faculty member(s) with whom you would like to complete your thesis. **Please visit the “contact us” tab of the following webpage www.nipissingu.ca/msckin for a list and contact information of potential faculty advisors.**
 - Identify your research area(s) of interest (e.g., biomechanics, exercise physiology, sensory-motor behavior, sport and performance psychology, health promotion, coaching, sport management).
 - Details of your current research interests within your specific research area(s).

The final admission decision will be based on the availability of an appropriate supervisor.

6. Proof of Proficiency in English for internationally-educated applicants whose first language is not English is also due by the application deadline. Nipissing University accepts the following tests as proof of proficiency in English:
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 93, with a minimum score of 20 in reading and listening and a minimum score of 22 in writing and speaking.
 - International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) with a minimum overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.5.
 - Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic) with a minimum overall score of 63 with a minimum score of 60 in each section.
 - Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL/CAEL Online) with a minimum overall score of 70 with no band less than 60.
 - Cambridge English Qualifications with a C1 minimum overall score of 176 with a minimum score of 169.

The required minimum scores must be submitted before the candidate can be considered for admission. Duolingo is not accepted.

7. Scholarship Applications:
 - To apply for Ontario Graduate Scholarship funding, please visit the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) webpage at www.nipissingu.ca/ogs. For questions pertaining to scholarship criteria, please contact sgs@nipissingu.ca or 705-474-3450 ext. 4292. The OGS application is due January 14, 2024, and is to be submitted electronically to the Graduate Studies Department at sgs@nipissingu.ca.
 - For other funding opportunities, please visit www.nipissingu.ca/gradfunding

******Please note that the OGS application requires two Academic Assessment Reports with an academic reference for each. The forms in the OGS application are different than the references required for the Admission application. Should you choose the same academic referees for both the OGS application and the Admission application, your referees will be required to fill out both the Admission reference form and the OGS academic reference and attach a separate letter to each form. Your referees should make note of what is to be addressed for each reference.***

Applicant: Please complete this section before presenting to referee

Name of Applicant:

Surname	First	Middle	Student # or OUAC Ref. #
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Referee: We would appreciate your appraisal of the above applicant for a Master's degree in the field of Kinesiology. The information in the report will be considered confidential.

- How long have you known the applicant? (MM/YY) From: _____ to _____
- In what capacity? _____
- Indicate with an 'X' your evaluation of this applicant with respect to their ability to complete a graduate program in the field of Kinesiology:

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Basis for Comment
Intellectual Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scholarly Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Originality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral Expression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written Expression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work Habits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- In comparison with other students at the applicant's level, indicate where you would place this applicant.
 Among the top 5% 10% 25% 50% lower than 50%

- Please attach a current letter of reference which speaks to the candidate's strengths, or any concerns you may have with their ability to succeed at the Masters level. This letter will be used for admission purposes and scholarship consideration. A comprehensive letter will be most beneficial in determining the applicant's eligibility.

To the Referee:

This Recommendation is confidential. Please enclose this form and supporting letter in a sealed envelope and write your signature over the seal. You can either return the envelope to the applicant to submit with their application or email the documents directly to the Admissions Office, sent from your professional email account to admissions@nipissingu.ca.

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Faculty: _____

Address: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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- Professional Relationship to applicant _____
- Period of relationship upon which assessment is based _____
 From: _____ to _____
- Indicate with an 'X' your evaluation of this applicant in comparison with others performing similar duties.

		Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Basis for Comment
Professional Knowledge and Ability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership Qualities		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teaching Ability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional Relationships with...	Colleagues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral Expression		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written Expression		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of Performance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Familiarity with Current Theory & Practice		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. In comparison with others performing similar professional duties, how would you rank this applicant.
 Among the top 5% 10% 25% 50% lower than 50%

5. Please attach a current letter of reference which speaks to the candidate's strengths, or any concerns you may have with their ability to succeed at the Masters level. This letter will be used for admission purposes and scholarship consideration. A comprehensive letter will be most beneficial in determining the applicant's eligibility.

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Name: _____	Company/School/ Organization: _____
Position: _____	Address: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____
Telephone Number: _____	Email address: _____

Protection of Privacy
 Information requested from students and applicants is collected under the authority of the Nipissing University Act, 1992. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act you are hereby notified that: "By applying for admission to Nipissing University and by registering in programs or courses at the University, you are accepting the University's right to collect pertinent personal information. The information is needed to assess qualifications for entry, establish a record of performance in programs and courses, provide the basis for awards and government funding, and to assist the University in the academic and financial administration of its affairs". Additionally, personal information may be used by University staff in many offices on a "need to know" basis to identify and contact students who require their services.