

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY

2026 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 for 4 years (2 years/24 months + 6 flex terms/24 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 15, 2026* - for scholarship consideration.
SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE: January 22, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. EST

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

Applications will continue to be accepted after January 15, 2026, and documentation after January 22, 2026. Late applications will be considered if room remains in the program; funding consideration is not available for late applications or 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, 2026.*

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 22, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. EST)**

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

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. Transcripts

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/certificate 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. See the Transcript section for further information.

3. Confidential Recommendations

Two (2) confidential academic recommendations from professors **OR** other appropriate professionals who can speak to the candidate's level of preparation and readiness for graduate studies. 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 Confidential 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. Résumé

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. Statement of Interest

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. Supervisors

The program admissions committee considers whether there is a faculty member who can supervise your research as part of their decision-making process. Prior to submitting your application, you should review the [list of the MSc Kinesiology faculty members](#). It is strongly encouraged that you contact your top choices for supervisor(s) in advance of submitting your application to inquire whether they are accepting new graduate students for the next academic year and to discuss your specific research interests. To submit an application with a stronger chance of being considered for admissions, please provide information in your statement of interest about what specific area or topic(s) you would like to focus on in your research and identify potential supervisor(s).

7. English Language Proficiency

Proof of Proficiency in English for internationally educated applicants whose first language is not English, also due by the application deadline. Nipissing University accepts the following tests as proof of proficiency in English:

| English Proficiency Test | Minimum Scores |
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| IELTS | 6.5 – No bands less than 6.5 |
| TOEFL iBT | 93 with a minimum score of 20 in reading and listening and a minimum score of 22 in writing and speaking |
| PTE – Pearson Test of Academic English | 63 with a minimum score of 60 in each section |
| CAE – Cambridge Assessment English | C1 minimum overall score of 176 with a minimum score of 169 |
| CAEL/CAEL Online – Canadian Academic English Language | 70 with no band less than 60 |

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

8. Scholarship and Funding Opportunities

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

- Applications for the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) can be found at www.nipissingu.ca/ogs.
- The OGS application is due January 15, 2026, and is to be submitted electronically to the Graduate Studies Department at sgs@nipissingu.ca.
- The OGS application requires two Academic Assessment Reports with an academic reference for each. The reference 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.
- For questions pertaining to scholarship criteria, please contact sgs@nipissingu.ca or 705-474-3450 ext. 4292.

Schulich Scholarship

- Valued at \$7,500
- 5 scholarships available for students entering MSc Kinesiology.
- Must have a minimum 80% average and at least one of the following: volunteer work; community involvement; or financial need.
- Application can be found at www.nipissingu.ca/schulichscholarships
- Application deadline: January 15, 2026

Other Funding Opportunities

- Visit www.nipissingu.ca/gradfunding to learn more about internal and external funding opportunities, Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Graduate Research Assistantship, and other potential funding/award sources. Please note that some may have earlier deadlines.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION:

Transcripts and supporting documentation can be submitted in the following ways:

- **Email:** admissions@nipissingu.ca - All documentation can be sent to this email address. As for official transcripts, emailed transcripts will only be accepted when we can verify that they come directly from the issuing institution. Recommendations must be sent directly by the referees and not by the applicant.
- **Third-Party Companies (e.g., MyCreds, Parchment):** Please contact your institution directly for assistance with these platforms. Send to admissions@nipissingu.ca.
- **OUAC:** Official transcripts from Ontario universities and colleges should be ordered through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) as part of the application process. You must contact your institution directly for all transcripts from outside Ontario.
- **Mail:**
Nipissing University
Office of the Registrar – Admissions
100 College Drive, Box 5002
North Bay ON P1B 8L7

TRANSCRIPTS:

Current and Former Nipissing Students

- Current Nipissing students and Nipissing former students and/or graduates do not need to order or send Nipissing transcripts. However, if you attended Nipissing prior to 1992, you are considered a Laurentian University student and must request that transcript.

Applicants with Canadian Credentials

- **Ontario:** The fastest and most effective way to send your official transcripts is by ordering them through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) when you apply. Otherwise, you will need to contact the institution(s) directly to request your transcript(s) and have them sent to Nipissing University by one of the methods listed in the Document Submission section above.
- **All Other Provinces:** You will need to contact the institution(s) directly to request your transcript(s) and have them sent directly to Nipissing University by one of the methods listed in the Document Submission section above.

Applicants with International Credentials

- If you have completed post-secondary courses at the undergraduate or graduate level outside of Canada or the U.S. (apart from Exchange studies), you **MUST** have all your foreign transcripts evaluated by World Education Service (WES): www.wes.org/ca. A WES Credential Evaluation Report, including a Course-By-Course Analysis, must be sent directly to Nipissing University by the required supplemental documentation deadline as listed on the supplemental forms. This requirement cannot be waived. No exceptions.

Applicant: Please complete this section before presenting to referee

Name of Applicant:

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| 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 |
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| 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: _____

Name of Applicant:

| Surname | First | Middle | Student # or OUAC Ref. # |
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1. Professional Relationship to applicant _____
2. Period of relationship upon which assessment is based
From: _____ to _____
3. Indicate with an 'X' your evaluation of this applicant in comparison with others performing similar duties.

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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: |