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## **CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION ACCREDITS THE UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À TROIS-RIVIÈRES WITH CANADA'S FIRST MASTER IN ATHLETIC THERAPY**

*Canada's first master's degree in athletic therapy is set to advance athletic therapy education*

**CALGARY, AB | JULY 31, 2023** - The Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) is pleased to share that they have granted The Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) accreditation for Canada's first Master of Science in Athletic Therapy. The Master of Athletic Therapy program will be available in place of UQTR's former Graduate Diploma in Athletic Therapy program.

The decision to accredit UQTR with a master's degree follows an extensive review process of its ability to provide the accepted standards of athletic therapy education. Granting accreditation for this program marks an important step in the advancement of Athletic Therapy education in Canada.

"The CATA Program Accreditation Committee is thrilled to announce that the UQTR has become the first CATA-accredited institution with a master's program in Canada," says Kirsty McKenzie MSc., CAT(C) Chairperson, CATA Program Accreditation Committee. "The successful outcome of this accreditation is a testament to the work and dedication of Program Director, Dr. Philippe Fait, and the faculty and staff, who have worked tirelessly to advance their Specialized Graduate Diploma in Athletic Therapy (DESS) to a Master of Science in Athletic Therapy."

Applicants will be considered for admission if they hold a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, health sciences or its equivalent and meet the cumulative average requirements. After completing a Master of Science in Athletic Therapy, graduates will become eligible for the National Certification Exam, and if successful, become a Certified Athletic Therapist. To see a full list of admission requirements and to learn more about the program, visit the webpage [here](#).

CATA is dedicated to the advancement and growth of the athletic therapy profession through advocacy, education and research. As the certifying and governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists who practice in Canada, CATA grants accreditation to athletic therapy programs at post-secondary institutions. For further information regarding the CATA accreditation process,

please visit the CATA website.

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### **ABOUT THE CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION**

CATA is the certifying and governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists practicing in Canada. Established in 1965 by a group of Athletic Therapists working with professional hockey and football teams, CATA now represents over 2900 members. We are dedicated to the advancement and growth of the athletic therapy profession through advocacy, education, and research.

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