Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:
1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services skills workshop.

What can I learn studying KINESIOLOGY?

- Understanding of the human body and human movement
- Knowledge of the physical, social, psychological and cultural factors influencing health
- Ability to collect and interpret data related to human movement, exercise performance and health
- Ability to develop education, prevention and treatment plans
- Ability to collaborate with peers, practitioners and community members
- Critical thinking, evaluation and problem solving skills
- Oral and written communication
- Planning, time management and strategy

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top Intelligent Communities across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city the happiest place on the planet! Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, but Kingston is home to Queen’s, one of the most comprehensive universities in the world.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Get to know KINESIOLOGY

Study the science of the human body in motion and learn about the physiological, biomechanical, psychological and sociological factors that influence human movement, exercise and sport performance, along with health. Participate in lab courses in exercise physiology, biomechanics and ergonomics, physical activity counselling, and clinical fitness assessment.

From the structure of the cell to the structure of society, your studies in Kinesiology will expose you to the complex factors that influence health and wellness. You can take advantage of three mini-streams that provide students with an opportunity for hands-on internships in Athletic Therapy; Strength and Conditioning; Exercise, Disability and Aging; or participate in the Community-Based Internship in a workplace setting of your choice.

Queen’s ADMISSION

Students apply to Queen’s Kinesiology (K6) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities’ Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include English 4U, Biology 4U, Advanced Functions 4U plus two of Chemistry 4U, Physics 4U, or Calculus and Vectors 4U. Visit queensu.ca/admission for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen’s.

Degree PLAN

Bachelor of Science (Honours) Specialization in Kinesiology Internship Option Available

Course HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to innovative, engaging, lecture-based learning the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies offers unique course opportunities. In the Fitness, the Body and Culture course students participate in a “gym class,” a series of practical and experiential sessions designed to provide an embodied experience of sociological concepts explored in lectures. Professional courses such as Exercise Physiology Laboratory give students truly hands-on expertise in measuring/assessing human performance and function. Professors encourage inquiry-based learning through completion of the Research mini-stream, a series of research courses that builds from Research Methods in second year, to a third year Research Internship in a research lab or program, to a fourth-year Honours Thesis.


That is a degree from Queen’s.

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1ST YEAR

- In first year take HLTH 101, KNPE 125, KNPE 153, KNPE 167 and PSYC 100, as well as 12.0 units of Natural & Physical Sciences. Consider applying at the end of Winter Term to the Athletic Therapy or Strength and Conditioning mini-streams to get course credit working with varsity athletes.
- Build your transferrable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

2ND YEAR

- In second year take ANAT 315, ANAT 316, HLTH 252, KNPE 225, KNPE 227, KNPE 251, KNPE 254, and KNPE 265. Consider applying at the end of Winter Term to the Exercise, Disability and Aging mini-stream, or the Community-Based Internship (KNPE 300), and/or the Research Based Internship course (KNPE 332), for third year.

3RD YEAR

- In third year take KNPE 255 and KNPE 261 and option courses. Consider applying at the end of Winter Term to independent course opportunities including KNPE 456 (Survey of Research & Literature), KNPE 491 (Special Project) and KNPE 595 (Thesis). Students who complete the Research-Based Internship and an honours thesis will graduate from the Research mini-stream. Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- In fourth year take KNPE 400 and option courses to complete your program requirements.
- By fourth year you should be working on your remaining core, option, and elective courses. Apply to graduate in SOLUS.

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

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GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen's First Aid (QFA) and Providence Care Volunteer Club. Take Queen's Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training.
- Volunteer for the Winter Adapted Games (annually held at end of January). Apply to be an Orientation Coach for Frosh Week of your second year.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Think about applying to positions in student services, PHEKSA or the Alma Mater Society. Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as Let's Talk Science (LTS).
- See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUCIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- Speak to a QUC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Attend Career Fairs sponsored by Career Services throughout the year.
- Check out what previous graduates were planning at the time of convocation found on the Career Information for KIN website.
- Explore careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as Opportunities in Sports Medicine Careers. Find more information by connecting with alumni on LinkedIn. Attend the annual School of Kinesiology and Health Studies Mini-Career Fair.
- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests like the GRE or MCAT and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services. Attend the annual School of Kinesiology and Health Studies Mini Career Fair.

Where could I go after graduation?

- Athletic therapy
- Athletics
- Audiology
- Biomechanics
- Chiropractor
- Coaching
- Complementary medicine
- Eco-tourism
- Ergonomics
- Exercise physiologist
- Facilities management
- Health administration
- Health and wellness consultant
- Health education
- Health promotion
- Kinesiologist
- Medicine
- Municipal recreation
- Neuroscience
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational health and safety
- Occupational therapy
- Personal training
- Physiotherapy
- Public health and administration
- Research
- Speech and language therapy
- Sports administration
- Strength and conditioning
- Stroke or cardiac rehabilitation

Some careers may require additional training.

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships. Check out the Career Services Skills Workshop for help.

- Prepare to become a member Ontario Kinesiology Association and to register with the College of Kinesiologists of Ontario.
- Join professional organizations like Canadian Athletic Therapy Association.
- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html for the online version with links!