

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)



LOCATION

Sunshine Coast

START

Semester 1

Help people break down everyday barriers. Occupational therapists help people overcome limitations caused by injury or illness, psychological or emotional difficulties, developmental delay or the effects of ageing. Learn the philosophy and skills that underpin occupational therapy, and get the hands-on experience you need to enter the profession.

In this program you will:

- Study occupational therapy for children, adolescents, adults and older people
- Build foundational knowledge in physiology, functional anatomy, psychology and wellbeing, Indigenous well-being and public health
- Complete 1000 hours of practice education to build your professional skills and clinical experience in a wide range of settings and age groups

Career opportunities

- Occupational Therapist in hospitals
- Community health and mental health
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Child and adolescent services
- Aged care
- Private practice

Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council of Australia (Ltd) and approved by the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia. Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as an occupational therapist with the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA). The program is also approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Post admission requirements

In first year, all students must obtain (or show proof of):

A Working with Children Check ('blue card')

First Aid and CPR training

Immunisations (hepatitis B, MMR, DTPA, varicella, COVID-19)

At the start of the second year, students must complete a criminal history check. These checks and certificates must remain current for the duration of the program.

Students must purchase an occupational therapy student uniform.

This program includes supervised work placements. Placements are normally undertaken in a full-time capacity over 1-10 weeks. Where required, reasonable accommodations can be made to allow for part-time or flexible placement options.

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CRICOS Code
077418D

Duration
4 years

Only a full-time option is available to international students on a Student visa. Online programs are not available to Student visa holders.

Indicative 2025 fees
A\$29,990

Annual fee

Tuition fees are reviewed each calendar year. The fee you must pay for a given teaching period is that which has been approved by UniSC for the calendar year in which the teaching period commences

Prerequisites
English (Units 3 and 4, C); plus one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Health or Physical Education (Units 3 and 4, C)

Delivery mode
Blended Learning

Total courses
27

Total units
384

UniSC program code
SC440

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Memberships

Students are eligible to apply for student membership with Occupational Therapy Australia (Ltd). Graduates are eligible to be full members of Occupational Therapy Australia (Ltd).

Registration

To work as an occupational therapist in Australia occupational therapists apply for registration through the Occupational Therapists Board of Australia (OTBA) through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra). Students should familiarise themselves with the registration standards of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (common and discipline-specific). Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as an occupational therapist with the OTBA.

Program structure

Introductory courses (8) 96 units

HLT140 Think Health
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience
LFS112 Human Physiology
LFS122 Human Anatomy
OCC100 Occupational Therapy Theory
OCC101 Concepts in Human Occupation
OCC102 Participation in Occupation
PSY100 Introduction to Psychology A

Developing courses (9) 108 units

HLT205 Health Research and Evidence
HLT242 Indigenous Wellbeing Practice
OCC200 Occupational Therapy in Mental Health
OCC202 Therapeutic Skills
OCC212 Evaluation of Occupational Performance
OCC222 Neurological Causes of Occupational Dysfunction
OCC232 Foundational Placement Competencies in Allied Health
PSY203 Introduction to Human Development
SPX201 Functional Anatomy

Graduate courses (5) 84 units

OCC300 Consolidation of Occupational Therapy Practice Competencies 1(36 units)
OCC301 Enabling Occupation: The Child and Adolescent
OCC311 Enabling Occupation: The Adult
OCC312 Enabling Occupation: The Older Person
OCC331 Foundational Placement Competencies in Occupational Therapy

Honours plans 96 units

Select 1 pathway from:

Occupational Therapy Project Pathway

Occupational Therapy Research Pathway

Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all UniSC courses are available on every UniSC campus.

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