Bachelor of PHYSIOTHERAPY (HONOURS)

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) gives you the diagnostic and treatment skills to help people regain fitness or maintain mobility, with hands-on experience on placement at a range of healthcare providers, including the UQ Health and Rehabilitation Physiotherapy Clinics.

Why Physiotherapy at UQ?

Physiotherapists assist people with a range of injuries and ailments, from office workers with stiff necks and sore backs, elite athletes with chronic health management issues to children with developmental delays, and those who have had neurological injury. Whatever the cause of pain or impairment, physiotherapists help people to get moving.

Study the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) at UQ and you will join a long tradition of teaching, research and graduate excellence at the second largest school for health and rehabilitation sciences in Australia.

• Build a strong knowledge foundation from your first year in areas including applied medical and physiotherapy sciences, anatomy, professional ethics, psychology and therapeutic exercise
• Prepare for a career caring for people with musculoskeletal, neurological, respiratory and other conditions, using techniques to reduce pain, improve movement and restore muscle control for better mobility
• Benefit from a diverse range of learning approaches, including lectures, seminars, skill-teaching sessions, practical classes, tutor and peer feedback sessions, and assignment work

• Gain hands-on experience during more than 1000 hours of supervised placement and provide supervised treatment to real clients in healthcare facilities. These facilities include a range of private physiotherapy clinics, community clinics, public and private hospitals, rural healthcare facilities and UQ’s physiotherapy clinics located at the St Lucia campus
• Graduate with a highly respected honours qualification, with advanced knowledge and skills that will set you apart in a competitive job market and provide a pathway to future research or learning.

Be a leader in your field, gain internationally renowned qualifications and become a skilled healthcare professional who helps people improve their physical mobility.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities for physiotherapists are extensive and include:
• public and private hospitals
• community health centres and agencies
• rehabilitation units
• preschool and school programs
• private practice, offering treatments to a full range of clients or specialising in areas such as sports physiotherapy, musculoskeletal physiotherapy, paediatrics, obstetrics and orthopaedics
• researchers, advisors or consultants in educational, industrial or government institutions.
Who will recognise your qualifications?
- Physiotherapy Board of Australia
- Australian Physiotherapy Association.

Other requirements
Evidence that you do not carry blood-borne transmissible viruses (Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV) or Tuberculosis (TB) and that you comply with the School’s immunisation guidelines. You will be required to complete a medical questionnaire and provide a first aid (including CPR) certificate and Blue Card. See health.uq.edu.au/admissionreqs

Your postgraduate options
- Specialty coursework masters in musculoskeletal and sports physiotherapy
- Research higher degrees (MPhil and PhD) in your area of interest are also available.
See health.uq.edu.au/postgraduate for more information.

MATTHEW HOLT
Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) graduate

“From playing rugby in high school I became interested in how a physiotherapist could help me to improve my performance on the field. Although I wasn’t sure exactly what I wanted to do when I graduated I knew I wanted to learn about anatomy and physiology which led me to Physiotherapy at UQ. My most valuable experiences during my studies were the off-campus visits, clinical immersions and full-time placement. My top tip for any new student is to actively meet the challenges of the program head-on and use your friends as support.”

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SAMPLE COURSES
- Principles of Exercise in Physiotherapy Practice
- Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice
- Physiotherapy Specialties: Musculoskeletal A (Lower Limb)
- Physiotherapy Specialties: Neurology
- Physiotherapy Specialties: Cardiotoracics
- Physiotherapy Specialties: Musculoskeletal D (Cervical Spine)