**Master of OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDIES**

**Why study Occupational Therapy Studies at UQ?**

Occupational therapists help people of all ages improve their quality of life and overcome factors which affect their everyday activities. They use assessment and treatments to develop, recover or maintain the daily living and work skills of people affected by injury or illness, psychological or emotional difficulties, developmental delays or ageing.

Occupational therapists work with clients to identify and eliminate environmental barriers to independence and participation in daily activities. They do this through a range of treatment strategies designed to enhance the client’s ability, such as modifying the task or environment, skill development and/or education.

This program will give you the knowledge, clinical skills and professional attributes for a successful career in occupational therapy including over 1000 hours of practical placements in UQ’s onsite occupational therapy clinic, hospitals, schools and other healthcare organisations.

In addition to a focus on clinical occupational therapy practice, emphasis is placed on the use of prior skills and knowledge to enhance the effectiveness of occupational therapy practice and the development of advanced adult learning skills for ongoing professional development.

**Career opportunities**

The Master of Occupational Therapy Studies is recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. Occupational therapists work in a wide range of settings, including:

- public and private hospitals
- country or community health centres
- rehabilitation units (medical, vocational, psychiatric)
- special centres providing development and training for persons with a social, intellectual or physical disability
- schools
- independent living centres
- workplace health and safety units
- nursing homes
- psychiatric clinics and hostels
- residential and rehabilitation centres for people with an intellectual disability
- research institutions
- private practice.

**Professional memberships**

Graduates may be eligible for membership with the following professional bodies:

- Allied Health Professionals Registration Australia (AHPRA)
- Occupational Therapists Board of Queensland.

**Accreditation**

- Occupational Therapy Australia Ltd (OTAL)
- Australian Association of Occupational Therapists.

Completion of a degree may not result in graduates receiving automatic accreditation. Please contact the relevant registration body for details of any conditions for accreditation.

**More information**

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**SAMPLE COURSES**

- Introduction to occupational therapy for graduates
- Occupational performance and evaluation across the lifespan
- Creating inclusive communities: practices for promoting inclusion (of people with disability)
- Health sciences research discovery two
- Promoting participation through occupation and the environment
- Occupational therapy for children and youth one for graduates
- Human anatomy and occupation
- Occupational therapy for children and youth two for graduates
- Psychosocial aspects of occupational therapy practice
- Health sciences research evaluation two
- Promoting occupational performance for people with chronic medical and mental health conditions
- Occupational performance and participation for adults with acute and chronic medical conditions

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“UQ offered me the chance to fast-track my studies and return to the workforce in just two years. Not only does UQ offer lecturers of the highest calibre, but also arranges practicum experiences. UQ enabled me to gain practicum experiences in one of Australia’s most prestigious hospitals as well as in a rural location. The rural experience allowed me to gain generalist OT experience providing OT services to four hospitals and treating clients across the lifespan in acute and community settings. This allowed exposure to a diverse range of OT practices, the development of lifelong networks, enhanced employment opportunities and the ability to travel and work in some of the most beautiful locations in Queensland. Thanks to UQ, I was given the experience of a lifetime and feel I made the right career decision by enrolling in this program.”

— Cindy-Lea, Occupational Therapy Studies graduate, Australia