Graduate Entry

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDIES

SCHOOL OF HEALTH & REHABILITATION SCIENCES

The Master of Occupational Therapy Studies program aims to equip graduate entry students with the theoretical knowledge, clinical skills and professional attributes necessary for a career in occupational therapy.

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

PROGRAM DETAILS

Features of graduate entry program:

- Completed over 2 years full time – 6 semesters (4 regular + 2 summer semesters),
- Articulates with the undergraduate Bachelor of Occupational Therapy program,
- Emphasises the integration of previous skills and knowledge with the principles of occupational therapy practice,
- Offers a learning environment and has assessment requirements designed to facilitate the advanced and intensive learning appropriate for a Masters level program,
- Introduces graduates to the profession of occupational therapy and its key concepts in intensive mode during an initial summer semester,
- Focuses on the practice of occupational therapy, interdisciplinary clinical studies in child health, psychiatry, and pathology, and directed study courses in first year,
- Incorporates clinical placements in which students apply theoretical knowledge in a variety of settings,
- Focuses on management, clinical reasoning, professional issues and advanced clinical practice in second year,
- Provides an optional research stream,
- Incorporates participation in advanced occupational therapy electives.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol, an applicant must:

- hold a Bachelor’s degree from a variety of fields such as health, education, social, physical or biological sciences. An applicant whose most recently awarded bachelor’s degree was awarded more than 10 years ago will not be considered unless the applicant has subsequently completed a postgraduate program or provides evidence of other continuing academic activity; and

- have obtained a grace point average of at least 4* in their most recently completed university undergraduate degree; and

- have completed (within the last 10 years)
  - 2 units (1 course) of statistics
  - 2 units (1 course) of human anatomy+
  - 4 units (2 courses) in social science e.g. psychology, sociology, anthropology
  - 2 units in human physiology. If an applicant does not have this prerequisite, it can be undertaken as directed study within the program by those in the non-research stream.

Note: * Once prerequisites are met, entry is via a competitive selection process based on Grade Point Average (GPA).

Please note the summer semester option to concurrently complete 2 units of Anatomy during the academic summer is no longer available.

Students who have previously completed anatomy should take time to revise their anatomy studies prior to commencing the program.

It is recommended that applicants undertake some work experience in occupational therapy settings or some voluntary work with people with disabilities.

TUITION FEES

The Master of Occupational Therapy Studies is a full-fee-paying program encompassing 40 units of study. Fees can be calculated via the following link: www.uq.edu.au/study/?page=25540. Fees are payable prior to the commencement of each semester or summer semester.

The opportunity to defer payment of fees is available to some domestic students via FEE-HELP. More information can be gained from the website: www.goingtouni.gov.au. FEE-HELP is not available to international students.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

An international applicant is an applicant who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen nor a migrant holding a visa giving a permanent residence status in Australia. The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences welcomes applications from international students wishing to study at the University of Queensland.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Students whose first language is not English must show acceptable evidence of language proficiency.

The IELTS Test – minimum score of 7.0 in all bands.

English language courses are offered by the Institute of Continuing Education and TESOL Education at the University of Queensland.

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Students who chose to complete the research stream may be eligible to proceed to doctoral level studies. Further information on postgraduate programs can be obtained from the School Student Unit office.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for this program close on 31st May for international, and 30th September for domestic students.

For further information and application forms please contact:
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