What is Occupational Therapy?
Occupational Therapists help people of all ages to improve their quality of life and overcome factors which affect their everyday activities. They use assessment and treatment 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 focus on working with individual 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.

Why Occupational Therapy at UQ?
Study UQ’s Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) and you will learn from leaders in the industry and graduate with a degree that is highly regarded in Australia and around the world. You will get hands-on, practical experience which will allow you to graduate well prepared and skilled to start your occupational therapy career and make a difference to the lives of others. To ensure you are competent you will experience more than 1000 hours spent on placement during your degree.

What you will study
The Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) combines a balance of theory and clinical practice to prepare you for a rewarding career. During your studies you will learn theoretical and practical studies in occupational therapy, combined with...
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biological and behavioural sciences. In second year you will develop this knowledge and apply theory to practical problems of occupational therapy. In your third year you will focus on occupational therapy techniques, with clinical practice in teaching units in hospitals, schools, private practice and community health agencies. Clinical practice continues into your final year, where you will also examine professional issues and evidence-based practice in occupational therapy. You will also undertake studies in statistics and research techniques.

Your future in Occupational Therapy

There are many career options both in Australia and overseas, including:

- public and private hospitals
- community health centres and agencies
- rehabilitation units (medical, psychiatric, vocational)
- primary and secondary schools
- private practice
- industrial and government institutions
- nursing homes
- psychiatric clinics and hostels
- residential and rehabilitation centres for people with intellectual disabilities
- research institutions.

Who will recognise your qualifications?

- Australian Association of Occupational Therapists
- Occupational Therapy Board of Australia
- World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Your postgraduate options

- Research degrees (MPhil and PhD) are also available in your area of interest.
- Postgraduate coursework study is available at master and doctoral levels.

International students

This degree requires a higher level of English language proficiency than the UQ minimum. The IELTS requirements are an overall score of at least 7.0 with a minimum score of 7.0 in reading, writing, speaking and listening. You are required as an international student to complete the degree on a full-time basis.

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“From an early age I have always wanted to be in a profession which benefits others, and I could not think of anything more rewarding than improving someone’s independence. Since studying Occupational Therapy at UQ I have discovered that there are many different areas which you can specialise in—which I was lucky enough to experience whilst on placement – including acute wards (e.g. medical, cardiac and surgical), children’s mental health and outpatient therapy. I now have secured a graduate position at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and can honestly say I love going to work.”

Sharon Van Acker
Occupational Therapy graduate