Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)

Combining theory and clinical practice, this program covers occupational therapy practice across a range of clinical and community contexts, enabling people to overcome barriers and engage in everyday activities that are meaningful and important to them.

Why study the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) at UQ?

Occupational therapists help people of all ages overcome barriers that affect their ability to engage in the everyday activities that are meaningful and important to them. These everyday activities can range from tying shoelaces, writing or cooking, through to going to work and driving a car. They use a range of approaches to develop, recover or maintain the person's engagement in these important everyday activities despite challenges from injury or illness, psychological or emotional difficulties, developmental delays, or ageing.

Occupational therapists work collaboratively with their clients to identify what is required to support their engagement in these activities, such as modifying tasks or the environment, skill development and education. Occupational therapists often work closely with professionals in physiotherapy, speech pathology, education, nursing, and social work.

Study the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) at UQ and you will join one of the leading schools for health and rehabilitation sciences in Australia with a long tradition of teaching, research and graduate excellence.

You will:

- develop a thorough understanding of the theory and practice of occupational therapy, as well as knowledge of the medical, social, behavioural, psychological and psychosocial sciences
- gain practical experience from year 1 in a variety of community and healthcare settings, in onsite clinics and external partners throughout Queensland
- undertake simulated learning activities in the school's six-bed simulation ward
- acquire a thorough understanding of the theory and practice underpinning occupational therapy. You'll develop knowledge of the medical, social, behavioural, psychological, and psychosocial sciences that will aid you in helping people recover
- 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.

Practicals, placements and internships

You will undertake 1000 hours* of supervised clinical practice in a range of clinical settings including hospitals, educational facilities, other healthcare organisations, private practice and UQ's Occupational Therapy clinics. During your placements, you will have the opportunity to apply your theoretical knowledge to...
practise and develop your clinical skills in real-life settings. You will undertake a variety of sessional practical experiences from year 1 before commencing full-time block placements during years 3 and 4.

Students may receive the opportunity to undertake a clinical placement outside the Brisbane metropolitan area. In such cases students fund all or part of their travel, accommodation and living expenses.

* hours can vary depending on elective course chosen and whether a student elects to undertake the research stream.

**Career opportunities**

Our graduates find employment in settings such as:

- community health centres and agencies
- industry and government institutions
- injury prevention and injury rehabilitation for workers
- primary, secondary schools and schools for children with special needs
- private practice
- public and private hospitals (including paediatric, adult and psychiatric centres)
- research institutions
- residential centres.

Our graduates are equipped with sharp critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and highly developed communication skills, which, with further study, can be used to pursue a career in professional research or academia.

**Professional memberships**

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

- Occupational Therapy Australia.

**Accreditation body**

- Occupational Therapy Council.

This program is recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapy.

Completion of the degree may not result in graduates receiving automatic registration. Contact the registration body for details of conditions for registration.

**Additional costs**

Annual CPR recertification (approx. $55); First Aid Certificate (including CPR) (approx. $155); clinical uniform shirt (approx. $25); black slacks (either your own or can be purchased for approx. $60).

Costs for vaccinations and serology are the responsibility of the student and will vary based on individual requirements.

**Your postgraduate options**

- Master of Audiology Studies
- Master of Physiotherapy Studies
- Master of Speech Pathology Studies.

Research higher degrees (MPhil and PhD) in your area of interest are available. See future-students.uq.edu.au for more information.

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**SAMPLE COURSES**

Chronic Physical and Mental Health Conditions and Occupational Performance

Occupational Performance and Participation for Adults with Acute and Chronic Medical Conditions

Occupational Therapy for Children and Youth II

Occupational Therapy Practice: Academic Analysis and Study

Promoting Occupational Performance & Participation for Individuals with Complex Issues and Life Situations

**PEI YEE MABLE LOH**

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) student, Malaysia

“Completing this degree will allow me to contribute to the community as an occupational therapist, and will enable me to provide assistance to individuals in a more holistic way. I was recommended to pursue my studies here because UQ provides a really good program for occupational therapy. I really enjoy the practicals as well as clinical placements as it provides me a lot of hands-on experience as a healthcare professional. I would recommend UQ because I have learnt a lot of useful information and gained a lot of experience, with many tutors and staff to help and guide me along the way.”

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