Physiotherapy practice provides a rewarding and fulfilling career for those interested in optimising the health and wellbeing of others. Physiotherapists treat people from the very young to the very old, for recovery from injury and disease and for rehabilitation. University of Canberra offers two entry pathways for those wishing to commence practice in Physiotherapy, an undergraduate and a postgraduate pathway. Both pathways are competitive entry, and the top students applying will gain admission.

202JA Bachelor of Physiotherapy

School leavers may apply through the University Admissions Centre (UAC).
Students will require a minimum eligible ATAR of 88 or above. The actual admission ATAR has been 93 in 2013 and 2014. The Bachelor of Physiotherapy is a new degree and is in the process of accreditation with the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

Non-school leavers:
Students are eligible to apply if they: transfer from another undergraduate degree into Physiotherapy, or have completed a degree previously, or are entering from the workforce. Admission is based on ATAR (if < 10 years ago), Grade Point Average from university studies, and work experience score (if relevant).

International students:
Admission is based on school leaver scores and Grade Point Average, as appropriate.

Alternative entry pathways: na
Physiotherapy does not have “wild card” places, and does not accept “Dean’s recommendation” or “Principles recommendation”.

CIT articulation:
It is not possible to articulate directly from a CIT course into the Bachelor of Physiotherapy. A student would need to articulate from CIT into a Bachelor of Applied Science, or Bachelor of Public Health, or another health related degree. Then transfer across into 202JA Bachelor of Physiotherapy if a sufficient GPA is achieved.
The Master of Physiotherapy is available to people with a Health Science or related degree, and the prerequisite units:

1. Musculoskeletal Anatomy (at UC this is unit 7202 Regional Anatomy and Physiology)
2. Advanced Functional Anatomy (at UC this is unit 8279 undergraduate or 8280 post-graduate)
3. Physiology of Exercise (at UC this is unit 8391 undergraduate or 8393 post-graduate)
4. Biomechanics (at UC this is unit 6834 undergraduate or 7203 for post-graduate)

Students with a bachelor degree in science, who have not completed the essential pre-requisites, are advised to enroll in 868AA Graduate Certificate in Human Movement Science. See http://www.canberra.edu.au/coursesandunits/course?course_cd=868AA. This post-graduate qualification covers the listed pre-requisites. Admission to the Master of Physiotherapy is a competitive process, based on Grade Point Average (GPA).

Requirements for all Physiotherapy students

All students who completed high school outside of Australia, NZ, Canada, UK, South Africa or USA are required to have an IELTS of 7 with 7 in each band.

All students are required to participate in classes as a ‘patient’ and ‘therapist’ with students of both genders, and appropriate disrobing for the correct practices of physiotherapy.

All students will require immunisation, police checks and a working with vulnerable people clearance.

So you didn’t get into Physiotherapy, what now…?

If you enrol in one of the following degrees, and work hard to gain a high grade, you can apply to transfer at the end of the year into the Bachelor of Physiotherapy. This plan will take you 5 years (not 4).

- 266JA Bachelor of Exercise Physiology and Rehabilitation
- 274JA Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science
- 686AA Bachelor of Human Nutrition
- 158JA Bachelor of Public Health

Alternatively you can complete a degree and then apply for the 768AA Master of Physiotherapy. If you seek this option, please seek course advice, to carefully align your units of study.

If you like working in health, then you might also consider other courses as alternatives to physiotherapy:

- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Pharmacy
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Public Health
- Bachelor of Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

If you like Sports, then perhaps you may consider a career as a strength and conditioning coach and apply to enroll in the Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science.

There are many ways to work with the people you care about, in the place you like!