

Master of Occupational Therapy (132JA.3)

Please note these are the 2022 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Occupational Therapy
UAC code	880820
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 7.0 with no band score less than 7.0.</p> <p>For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page .
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[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

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About this course

Learn how to empower and transform the lives of those in need

Explore the science and strategies that enable individuals to lead full, meaningful lives regardless of age, disability or social and mental limitations with this thought-provoking two-year, full-time UC Master of Occupational Therapy course.

This study pathway is ideal for students committed to a career that transforms the lives of everyday people and who are serious about earning the qualifications to prove it.

In this course, you will develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of health-related issues, enhance your credentials with research-based competencies and gain valuable hands-on experience in real-life scenarios.

Completing this course will earn you a qualification recognised by Occupational Therapy Australia and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists, which can open doors to global opportunities in the health profession.

Apply today and make a difference in the lives of others.

Study a Master of Occupational Therapy and you will:

- learn how to empower people to engage in the occupations they need to, want to or are expected to perform.
- work with a variety of people, including those who have an impairment of body structure or function, are restricted in their participation or are socially excluded.
- develop the qualities of critical thinking, curiosity, and reflective practice.
- use your foresight, initiative and leadership skills to communicate effectively with clients and work in inter-professional teams.
- acquire essential professional practice ethics and traits, such as multi-cultural appreciation and respect for others.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

WIL is an integral part of this course, giving you an invaluable opportunity to gain practical experience and form strong relationships with industry stakeholders and professionals before graduating.

Over two years, you'll participate in 1000 hours of practical education in places such as hospitals, health clinics, community organisations, schools and aged care facilities both locally and nationally.

Placements are on a full-time basis and will require interstate travel. Accommodation and transport costs are the student's responsibility. For further information on WIL, please visit <https://www.canberra.edu.au/current-students/canberra-students/work-integrated-learning>.

Career opportunities

UC Master of Occupational Therapy students will graduate into an industry that is expected to experience enormous and continuous growth as the aging population of Australia and the rest of the world continues to grow.

As a result, there is expected to be a high demand for those with a master's in Occupational Therapy to help guide research and policy practices in a variety of areas, including aged care, disability services, paediatric services, as well as many other community-based support services.

Once graduated, students can choose to continue with further study or move into a variety of jobs in a range of public, private and voluntary sectors, including:

- homes, schools and workplaces
- health and rehabilitation centres
- supported accommodation
- aged care
- hospitals.

Course-specific information

Prior to undertaking any clinical placement, students will be required to:

- Undertake a National Police Check.
- Obtain a Working with Vulnerable People registration.
- Provide your immunisation history.

- Have a qualification in First Aid, including CPR.

Professional accreditation

The Master of Occupational Therapy has been granted accreditation by the Occupational Therapy Council of Australia Ltd (OTC) and approved by the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA). Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as an occupational therapist with the OTBA. The program is also approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT). Minimum Standards for Entry Level Education.

Admission requirements

A completed bachelor's degree in any discipline with a credit or higher average.

Domestic applicants

Applications from domestic applicants will be accepted on a yearly basis from 1 August of the preceding year and close on 30 June of the commencing year. Applicants who are eligible for an offer will be placed on a waitlist and offers will be released in rounds on the first business day of each month commencing in November of the preceding year. Any applicant who is not successful in the round, will remain on a waitlist for further rounds while vacancies exist.

Limited Commonwealth-supported places (CSPs) are available for this course and will be awarded on academic merit. To be considered for a CSP, please submit your application by 30 April 2025. Eligible applicants will be notified from 15 May 2025. The University will continue to issue fee-paying (FEE) offers until this date, offers for any eligible CSP applicants will be updated accordingly.

International applicants

Applications from international applicants will be accepted on a yearly basis from 1 August of the preceding year and close on 31 March of the commencing year. Applicants who are eligible for an offer will be placed on a waitlist and offers will be released in rounds on the first business day of each month commencing in September of the preceding year. Any applicant who is not successful in the round, will remain on a waitlist for further rounds while vacancies exist.

Offers

Offers will clearly indicate a deadline by which applicants must accept. If the offer is not accepted by this date, it will be rescinded. Offers for this course cannot be deferred. This course has limited places available. Not all applicants who meet the application deadline and requirements may be successful.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	28 July 2025	✓	✓

2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	10 August 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	09 August 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Master of Occupational Therapy (132JA) | 48 credit points

Required - Must pass 42 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

- Research Planning PG (6486) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Foundations of Occupational Therapy PG (8349) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 1 PG (8350) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 3 PG (8727) | 6 credit points – Level P
- Humans as Occupational Beings 1 PG (8937) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Humans as Occupational Beings 2 PG (9069) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Occupation in Context PG (9070) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Occupational Therapy Toolbox 1 PG (9071) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Occupational Therapy Toolbox 2 PG (9072) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG (9594) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Occupational Therapy in Mental Health PG (10414) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Foundations of Anatomy and Physiology G (10415) | 3 credit points – Level G
- Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 2 PG (10416) | 3 credit points – Level P

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

- Counselling Skills and Models PG (7743) | 3 credit points – Level P
- Health Psychology and Behaviour G (8737) | 3 credit points – Level G
- From 2019 unit 8737 Health Psychology and Behaviour G has been replaced by 7743 Counselling Skills and Models PG.

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Assistive Technology Solutions to Enhance Participation in Life G \(9854\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

[Assistive Technology to Enable Occupation G \(11910\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

- From 2023 unit 9854 Assistive Technology Solutions to Enhance Participation in Life G has been replaced by 11910 Assistive Technology to Enable Occupation G.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Accelerated Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Counselling Skills and Models PG \(7743\)](#)

[Foundations of Anatomy and Physiology G \(10415\)](#)

[Foundations of Occupational Therapy PG \(8349\)](#)

[Occupational Therapy Toolbox 1 PG \(9071\)](#)

Year 2

Practice 6

[Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 1 PG \(8350\)](#)

Semester 1

[Humans as Occupational Beings 1 PG \(8937\)](#)

[Humans as Occupational Beings 2 PG \(9069\)](#)

[Occupational Therapy Toolbox 2 PG \(9072\)](#)

[Occupational Therapy in Mental Health PG \(10414\)](#)

Semester 2

[Assistive Technology to Enable Occupation G \(11910\)](#)

[Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG \(9594\)](#)

[Occupation in Context PG \(9070\)](#)

[Research Planning PG \(6486\)](#)

Year 3

Practice 1

[Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 2 PG \(10416\)](#)

Practice 3

[Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 3 PG \(8727\)](#)

Standard Part Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG \(9594\)](#)

[Foundations of Anatomy and Physiology G \(10415\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Research Planning PG \(6486\)](#)

Semester 2

[Foundations of Occupational Therapy PG \(8349\)](#)

[Occupational Therapy Toolbox 1 PG \(9071\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Humans as Occupational Beings 1 PG \(8937\)](#)

[Occupational Therapy Toolbox 2 PG \(9072\)](#)

Semester 2

[Counselling Skills and Models PG \(7743\)](#)

Year 4

Practice 6

[Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 1 PG \(8350\)](#)

Semester 1

[Humans as Occupational Beings 2 PG \(9069\)](#)

[Occupational Therapy in Mental Health PG \(10414\)](#)

Semester 2

[Assistive Technology to Enable Occupation G \(11910\)](#)

[Occupation in Context PG \(9070\)](#)

Year 5

Practice 1

[Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 2 PG \(10416\)](#)

Practice 3

[Occupational Therapy Professional Practice 3 PG \(8727\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 2 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 6 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Graduates will have well developed interpersonal and communication skills suited to the work of allied health professionals. They will communicate effectively with clients and acquire the skills needed to work well in inter- professional teams. Graduates will acquire the key elements of professional practice, including respect for others and professional ethics.	UC graduates are professional
Graduates will have the ICT skills required to enable them to work effectively in their chosen profession, and remain up to date with professional development. They will also be equipped to understand and use relevant health research findings.	UC graduates are life long learners
Graduates will have problem solving skills, the ability to critically reflect on relevant local, national and global issues and be open to alternative perspectives, which will enable them to work effectively as occupational therapists in environments of complexity, ambiguity and change.	UC graduates are global citizens

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Occupational Therapy	M OccupationalTherapy

Alternative exits

HLC002 Graduate Certificate in Health Studies:

Students may exit early with this award if they have passed 12 credit points as follows:

8349 Foundations of Occupational Therapy PG

9071 Occupational Therapy Toolbox 1 PG

7743 Counselling Skills and Models PG

10415 Foundations of Anatomy and Physiology G

HLG002 Graduate Diploma in Health Studies:

Students may exit early with this award if they have passed 24 credit points as follows:

8349 Foundations of Occupational Therapy PG

9071 Occupational Therapy Toolbox 1 PG

7743 Counselling Skills and Models PG

10415 Foundations of Anatomy and Physiology G

8937 Humans as Occupational Beings 1 PG

9069 Humans as Occupational Beings 2 PG

9072 Occupational Therapy Toolbox 2 PG

10414 Occupational Therapy in Mental Health PG

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	Email Health.Student@canberra.edu.au

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.