

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (202JA.3)

Please note these are the 2019 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	90.55 Note: The selection rank is the minimum ATAR plus adjustment factors required for admission to the program in the previous year. This is an indicative guide only as ranks change each year depending on demand.
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	UC Canberra - Bruce Campus
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Physiotherapy
UAC code	365106
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an academic IELTS of 7.0 overall with no band score below 7.0 or equivalent. 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	<p>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.</p> <p>View UC's academic entry requirements</p>
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	UC Canberra - Bruce Campus
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Physiotherapy
CRICOS code	076966F
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an academic IELTS of 7.0 overall with no band score below 7.0 or equivalent. 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>

About this course

Helping people heal through movement

Learn the science behind body movement and gain valuable knowledge, understanding, and insight about the amazing machine we call the human body - with the UC Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

This four-year comprehensive course will help you explore the human body in detail, and analyse how each muscle, bone, joint, and ligament enables human movement and development across a variety of age ranges and disabilities. You will also develop a sophisticated understanding of how the lungs, heart, brain, and nerves work together, and how to improve peoples' lives through exercise and movement.

Your study of advanced functional human anatomy combined with training from expert clinicians means you will be able to diagnose and offer effective therapeutic management solutions for a wide range of human movement disorders.

Once you graduate, you'll open doors to further study, specialisation, or a Ph.D. in Physiotherapy. This course also offers an embedded Honours program for high-achieving students looking to progress into physiotherapy research or academic careers.

The course is fully accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council, which means you are eligible for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) from the day they graduate.

Study a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at UC and you will:

- develop knowledge of the structure and function of the human body
- learn to read, critique, evaluate and apply evidence from research and science into the practices of health care and health services
- enhance your communication skills in listening, speaking, explaining, and teaching
- develop detailed knowledge of normal function and development of the musculoskeletal, cardiothoracic, and neurological systems
- apply your knowledge and skill to assess, prevent, and treat developmental and degenerative diseases of the musculoskeletal, cardiothoracic, and neurological systems
- understand and apply the professional ethics, responsibilities, values, and standards for the practice of physiotherapy
- develop excellent clinical analytical and reasoning skills.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

This course offers a high volume of work integrated learning and the opportunity to gain clinical practice experience using theoretical and practical components of your studies.

Comprising of five, five-week placements, these hands-on learning opportunities will cover a wide range of areas such as acute care units, rehabilitation centres, neurological units, residential care facilities, pediatric units, and aged care facilities. Placements are only provided 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>

Also, patients with a variety of medical issues such as spinal cord injuries and Parkinson's disease will also regularly visit to discuss their conditions, and you'll also have the chance to work with high-performance athletes looking to improve their physical and personal objectives.

Career opportunities

- New graduate physiotherapist
- Physiotherapist
- Cardiothoracic physiotherapist
- Musculoskeletal physiotherapist
- Neurological physiotherapist
- Intensive care unit (ICU) physiotherapist
- Physiotherapy practice owner
- Titled physiotherapist*
- Titled sport physiotherapist*
- Physiotherapy researcher

* Further study required

Course-specific information

The Australian Physiotherapy Council accredits this course and successful graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and practice physiotherapy in Australia.

Course content and structure is informed by the industry, with Course Advisory Group members hailing from the physiotherapy department of Canberra Hospital, Calvary Hospital and the Australian Institute of Sport.

High-performing students may be eligible to apply for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy Honours degree, based on their academic performance, interview, and application.

There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible, you must have an academic IELTS of 7.0 overall with no band score below 7.0 or equivalent.

Before commencing clinical placement, all students must:

- Provide a complete immunisation schedule
- Provide First Aid Certificates, including CPR
- Undergo an Australian Federal Police record check before participating in placements in the ACT
- May need to undergo additional Police checks before participating in any interstate placements – depending on each state requirements.

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy has been accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council, and approved by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia so that graduates are eligible to apply for registration to practice Physiotherapy in Australia.

Admission requirements

Admission to this course is based on an entrance rank. A rank can be achieved by the following means:

- Year 12 ATAR
- other Australian Qualification
- work experience
- overseas qualification

We also offer a number of entry initiatives that give you the opportunity to gain entry to the University via alternate pathway programs and admissions schemes.

More information is available on our Alternative Entry page: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/alternative-entry>

Additional admission requirements

All students in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy course are required to complete clinical practice placement in blocks of time, often outside teaching time. These clinical practice placements are essential to the program. Prior to commencing clinical practice, all students need to present a complete immunisation schedule, and First Aid Certificates including CPR, as a requirement of the ACT and NSW health departments.

All students are required to undergo an Australian Federal Police record check prior to undertaking clinical experience in the ACT, and a NSW Police check before undertaking practice in NSW.

Assumed knowledge

ACT: Mathematical Methods major and either Biology or Human Movement major(s); and Chemistry or Physics major(s). NSW: Mathematics and either Biology or Human Movement, and Physics or Chemistry.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

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

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (202JA) | 96 credit points

Required - 84 credit points as follows

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

Major in Physiotherapy Practice (Restricted) (MJ0206) | 18 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

[Orthopaedic Physiotherapy \(8975\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Neuromuscular Interventions \(8978\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Electrophysical Agents \(8980\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Clinical Physiotherapy \(8985\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Physiotherapy in Ageing \(8990\) | 3 credit points – Level 4](#)

[Physiotherapy in the Community \(8991\) | 3 credit points – Level 4](#)

Major in Physiotherapy Interventions (Restricted) (MJ0205) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Cardiothoracic Interventions 1 (8976) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 (8977) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Cardiothoracic Interventions 2 (8979) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Musculoskeletal Interventions 3 (8981) | 3 credit points – Level 4
Neurological Interventions 1 (8982) | 3 credit points – Level 4
Neurological Interventions 2 (8983) | 3 credit points – Level 4
Paediatric Interventions (8984) | 3 credit points – Level 4
Musculoskeletal Interventions 2 (8986) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Required Units - Must pass 42 credit points as follows

Concepts in Biology (483) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Systemic Anatomy and Physiology (6529) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Human Physiology and the Lifecycle (6532) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Biomechanics 1 (6834) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Advanced Functional Anatomy (8279) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Biochemistry of Exercise (8339) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Advanced Physiology (8373) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Physiology of Exercise 1 (8391) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Health Psychology and Behaviour (8736) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Health Professional Practice 2 (8989) | 3 credit points – Level 4
Introduction to Physiotherapy (9304) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Regional Anatomy and Physiology (9808) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398) | 3 credit points – Level 1
Understanding People and Behaviour (11399) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - Must select 1 of the following

Option 1 - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Integrated Studies of Disease (6517) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Biomechanics 2 (6835) | 3 credit points – Level 3
Sport and Performance Psychology (7224) | 3 credit points – Level 2
Health, Disease and Exercise (8340) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Performance Analysis in Sport (8390) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Physiology of Exercise 2 (8392) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Small Business Management (9531) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Cross-Cultural Professional Practice (9855) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Global Health (10008) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Health Across the Lifespan: Mental Health (10197) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Required - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

Evidence Based Practice (8988) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Physiotherapy in Specific Groups (8994) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Note:

- Option 1 is for Professional Stream students.

Option 2 - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Evidence Based Practice (Honours) (8987) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 1 (8992) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 2 (8993) | 6 credit points – Level 4

Note:

- Option 2 is for Honours students.

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

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Concepts in Biology (483)

Introduction to Physiotherapy (9304)

Regional Anatomy and Physiology (9808)

Understanding People and Behaviour (11399)

Semester 2

Biochemistry of Exercise (8339)

Introduction to Research in the Health Sciences (11398)

Neuromuscular Interventions (8978)

Systemic Anatomy and Physiology (6529)

Year 2

Semester 1

Advanced Functional Anatomy (8279)

Biomechanics 1 (6834)

Human Physiology and the Lifecycle (6532)

Physiology of Exercise 1 (8391)

Semester 2

Advanced Physiology (8373)

Cardiothoracic Interventions 1 (8976)

Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 (8977)

Orthopaedic Physiotherapy (8975)

Year 3

Trimester 1

Cardiothoracic Interventions 2 (8979)

Clinical Physiotherapy (8985)

Electrophysical Agents (8980)

Musculoskeletal Interventions 2 (8986)

Neurological Interventions 1 (8982)

Trimester 2

Musculoskeletal Interventions 3 (8981)

Neurological Interventions 2 (8983)

Paediatric Interventions (8984)

Evidence Based Practice (8988) OR Evidence Based Practice (Honours) (8987)

Year 4

Semester 2

[Health Psychology and Behaviour \(8736\)](#)

Two Restricted Choice Option 1 Units OR Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 2 (8993)

Trimester 1

[Health Professional Practice 2 \(8989\)](#)

[Physiotherapy in Ageing \(8990\)](#)

[Physiotherapy in the Community \(8991\)](#)

Physiotherapy in Specific Groups (8994) OR Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 1 (8992)

Course information

Course duration

Standard eight semesters full-time. Maximum ten semesters. This course is only available for full-time enrolment.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Knowledge of the structure and function of the human body relevant to the practice of physiotherapy.	<p>UC graduates are professional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills- use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems
Ability to read, critique, evaluate and apply evidence from research and science into the practices of health care and health services.	<p>UC graduates are professional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development;

- be self-aware;
- adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas;
- evaluate and adopt new technology

Knowledge, skill, understanding and application of the assessment, intervention, therapeutic and educational tools relevant to the practice of physiotherapy.

UC graduates are professional

- employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills
- use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems
- display initiative and drive, and use their organisation skills to plan and manage their workload;
- take pride in their professional and personal integrity

Communication skills in listening, speaking, explaining, teaching, writing and reading relevant to medical and physiotherapeutic practice

UC graduates are professional

- communicate effectively

Understanding and application of professional ethics, responsibilities, values and standards for practice of physiotherapy

UC graduates are professional

- communicate effectively
- take pride in their professional and personal integrity

UC graduates are global citizens

- think globally about issues in their profession;
- adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries;
- understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures;
- communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; - behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives
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Knowledge of the degenerative and disease processes affecting the human body relevant to the practice of physiotherapy.

UC graduates are professional

- employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills

- use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems

Majors

- [Major in Physiotherapy Interventions \(Restricted\) \(MJ0205\)](#)
- [Major in Physiotherapy Practice \(Restricted\) \(MJ0206\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	B Physio

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

B Physio (Hons)

Honours

Honours students will complete a research project where they study patients, collect data, analyse that data, and then develop a thesis with the objective of presenting their findings at a national conference and eventually publishing in a peer-reviewed journal. High performing students may be eligible to enter the Bachelor of Physiotherapy honours stream. Students may be invited to apply to complete the honours degree, or apply based on their academic performance of high credit average, or on approval of the course convenor, as detailed below.

Prerequisites for honours study include completion of preparatory units in statistics or health data analysis.

Honours study involves completion of unit 8987 Evidence Based Practice (Honours) and two honours units: Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 1 and 2.

Requirements for degree with Honours:

(i) Application for Bachelor of Physiotherapy with honours, should be made during third year. Eligible applications will be considered by the Bachelor of Physiotherapy course convenor and the Physiotherapy Honours Thesis Unit Convener. To be eligible to undertake studies at honours level, a student must achieve at least a credit average in all eligible units.

Eligible units: Eligible units for calculation of the Entry GPA are all required units in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy program years 1,2 and 3 undertaken at the University of Canberra, and this includes units for which you receive credit, whether done at UC or elsewhere. Where you have done extra units which may count, e.g. more than the required amount of restricted elective units, your best results will be counted.

Eligible units for calculation of the Honours GPA are any required and elective units for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy, including the units Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 1 and 2.

(ii) The degree of Bachelor of Physiotherapy may be awarded with first or second class honours, following submission of an Honours thesis as part of the units Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 1 and 2.

Calculating the final class of honours

Bachelor of Physiotherapy degrees with Honours are awarded in the following classes depending on the Honours GPA obtained and the standard of the Honours Thesis.

First Class: both an Honours GPA of at least 6 and an exceptional performance in the honours component of your assessment

Second Class - Division I: both an Honours GPA of at least 5.5 and a very good performance in the honours component of your assessment

Second Class-- Division II: both an Honours GPA of at least 5 and a good performance in the Honours component of your assessment.

A student with an honours GPA of less than 5, and pass level performance in the Honours component of the assessment, may pass the Honours unit, but be awarded with Bachelor of Physiotherapy without honours.

Calculating the Honours GPA

Honours GPAs are calculated by using the University's system. The units Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 1 and 2 will be weighted as 30% for the purposes of calculating the Honours GPA. Units used in the Honours GPA are as described in 'Eligible units' above for Honours GPA assessment.

Note that marks are not automatically rounded up for purposes of Honours. Thus 4.99 does not become 5.00. Where your final mark is within two marks of the next level of honours, or of achieving honours at all (e.g. a 4.8 is rounded up to 5.0), you can apply in writing to have your honours result upgraded. This will be determined by Bachelor of Physiotherapy course convenor and the Physiotherapy Honours Thesis Unit Convener, taking into account your academic record and any mitigating circumstances which may have affected your academic performance.

Enquiries

Student category

Contact details

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Current and Commencing Students	Email Health.Student@canberra.edu.au
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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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.