

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (202JA.7)

Please note these are the 2027 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
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 overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 7.0, with no band score below 7.0. 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>
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Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Physiotherapy
CRICOS code	076966F
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About this course

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, across age groups and genders. 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 to practice as a physiotherapist.

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

Admission to this course is competitive. Applications will be assessed on the basis of academic merit and the number of available places. Domestic applications will open on the 1st September. First offer round applications must be received by 30th November with offers being released mid-December. Applications remain open while vacancies exist for ongoing consideration of offers.

Applications from international students are accepted on an ongoing basis while vacancies exist. Please refer to the key dates (<https://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/apply-to-uc/key-dates>) for further information.

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 and will require students to provide physiotherapy management to all genders across all age groups. To prepare for these placements, students will demonstrate their skills on their peers of all genders in assessments prior to placement.

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.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 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

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (202JA) | 96 credit points

Required - Must pass 84 credit points as follows

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Core Major in Allied Health (CM0023) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Systemic Anatomy and Physiology (6529) | 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 - 12 credit points as follows

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Required - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

Professional Orientation (Health) (11400) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - Must select 1 of the following

Option A - Must pass 9 credit points from the following

Research and Professional Practice Part A (6cp) (9813) | 0 credit points – Level 3

Research and Professional Practice Part B (9814) | 9 credit points – Level 3

Option B - Must pass 9 credit points from the following

Exercise Programming and Prescription for Health (12135) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Exercise Science Practicum 1 (12137) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Exercise Science Capstone (12139) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- From Sem 1, 2025, students must complete Option B (12135 + 12137 + 12139) instead of Option A (9813 + 9814)

Bachelor of Physiotherapy - 12 credit points as follows

**Bachelor of Physiotherapy (students commenced 2026 onwards) -
Must pass 12 credit points as follows**

Required - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

Biomechanics 1 (6834) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Advanced Functional Anatomy (8279) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Professional Orientation (Health) (11400) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

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

Note:

- Students who commence their degree from 2026 onwards are to follow these requirements.

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (students commenced 2025 & prior) - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

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

Required - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

Professional Orientation (Health) (11400) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Clinical Physiotherapy 1 (11536) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 2 (11537) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Note:

- Students who commenced their degree in 2025 and prior are to continue to follow these requirements.

Bachelor of Pharmacy - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Pharmacy Practice 3 (9011) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Professional Orientation (Pharmacy) (11125) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Dispensary Practice (11127) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Pharmacy Practice 5 (11501) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Bachelor of Exercise Physiology and Rehabilitation - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Required - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

Professional Orientation (Health) (11400) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - Must select 1 of the following

Option A - Must pass 9 credit points from the following

Research and Professional Practice Part A (6cp) (9813) | 0 credit points – Level 3

Research and Professional Practice Part B (9814) | 9 credit points – Level 3

Option B - Must pass 9 credit points from the following

Exercise Programming and Prescription for Health (12135) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Exercise Science Practicum 1 (12137) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Exercise Science Capstone (12139) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- From Sem 1, 2025, students must complete Option B (12135 + 12137 + 12139) instead of Option A (9813 + 9814)

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Group Work (6853) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Professional Orientation (Health) (11400) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Integrated Physiology (11726) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Health Contexts (11852) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Specialist Major in Physiotherapy Interventions (SM0063) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

Cardiothoracic Interventions 1 (8976) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Cardiothoracic Interventions 2 (8979) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Neurological Interventions 1 (8982) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Neurological Interventions 2 (8983) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Musculoskeletal Interventions 2 (8986) | 3 credit points – Level 3

[Orthopaedic Physiotherapy \(11538\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Option B - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

[Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 \(8977\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan \(11539\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

Note:

- 1. From S2 2023, commencing students must enrol into 12007 Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 (6cps).
- 2. 8977 Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 (3cps) has been replaced with 12007 Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 (6cps), and 11539 has been moved to the Specialist Major in Physiotherapy Practice.

Option A - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

[Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 \(12007\) | 6 credit points – Level 3](#)

Note:

- Students commencing S2 2023 must enrol in 12007 Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 (6cps).

Note:

- Students commencing S2 2023 must select Option A.

Specialist Major in Physiotherapy Practice (SM0064) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (students commenced 2025 & prior) - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

[Biomechanics 1 \(6834\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Advanced Functional Anatomy \(8279\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan \(11539\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Applied Physiotherapy Skills \(11541\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Clinical Physiotherapy 3 \(11542\) | 3 credit points – Level 4](#)

[Clinical Physiotherapy 4 \(11543\) | 3 credit points – Level 4](#)

[Clinical Physiotherapy 5 \(11544\) | 3 credit points – Level 4](#)

Introductory Physiotherapy Skills (12008) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Note:

- Students who commenced their degree in 2025 and prior are to continue to follow these requirements.

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (students commenced 2026 onwards) - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Required - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan (11539) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Applied Physiotherapy Skills (11541) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Introductory Physiotherapy Skills (12008) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Restricted Choice - Must pass 15 credit points from the following

Clinical Physiotherapy 1 (11536) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 2 (11537) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 3 (11542) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 4 (11543) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 5 (11544) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 6 (12253) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 7 (12254) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 8 (12255) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Clinical Physiotherapy 9 (12256) | 3 credit points — Level 4

Note:

- Students who commence their degree from 2026 onwards are to follow these requirements.

Note:

- - Unit 11540 Essential Physiotherapy Skills has been replaced with 12008 Introductory Physiotherapy Skills.

Required Units - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Physiology of Exercise 1 (8391) | 3 credit points — Level 2

Biological Concepts (11722) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Integrated Physiology (11726) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Restricted Choice - Must select 1 of the following

Honours Stream - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

[Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 2 \(8993\) | 6 credit points — Level 4](#)

[Physiotherapy Honours Thesis 1 \(11761\) | 6 credit points — Level 4](#)

Professional Stream - 12 credit points as follows

Open Electives - Must pass 12 credit points from the following

- Must pass 24 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a breadth major, a breadth minor and/or as individual units.

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

Course information

Course duration

Standard 4 years full time. Maximum 10 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Demonstrate in-depth understanding of the structure and function of the human body relevant to the practice of physiotherapy.	UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills.
Apply knowledge of the degenerative and disease processes affecting the human body (across the lifespan and in different patient groups) in the patient-centred practice of clinical physiotherapy .	UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; and communicate effectively. UC graduates are global citizens: Adopt an informed and balanced

approach across professional and international boundaries; and make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.

Demonstrate safe and effective patient-centred assessment, therapeutic intervention, and evaluation using evidence-based tools and outcome measures relevant to the practice of physiotherapy, incorporating patient's goals.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; and display initiative and drive, and use their organisation skills to plan and manage their workload.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; and make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
Demonstrate professionalism in the practice of physiotherapy, including insight into scope of practice and the ethics, responsibilities, values and conduct required in a broad range of contexts, including maintenance of self-care as required.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Communicate effectively; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; and behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; and adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
Demonstrate communication skills, including culturally-responsive interpersonal, written and electronic communication with patients, families and carers, and other health professionals, in clinical and wider inter-	UC graduates are professional: Communicate effectively; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and

<p>professional contexts, including constructive conflict resolution.</p>	<p>manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>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; and behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; and adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.</p>
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Discuss and critically analyse existing evidence from research, quality improvement and other sources as they inform physiotherapy and health care practice, with readiness to change practice and teach others as the evidence base evolves in the future.

UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; and use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems.

UC graduates are global citizens: Make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.

UC graduates are lifelong learners: Evaluate and adopt new technology.

<p>Additional Learning Outcomes for Honours students:</p> <p>Design, communicate and defend a research proposal.</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; and communicate effectively.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; and make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p>
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Select and use cognitive and technical skills to execute a research project to a standard acceptable to professional practice and research outlets within a physiotherapy field.

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UC graduates are global citizens: Make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.

Effectively communicate results, synthesising knowledge and judgements about research findings to a variety of audiences.	UC graduates are professional: Communicate effectively; and use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems. UC graduates are global citizens: Communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings.
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Placements requirements

1000 Hours.

Majors

- [Specialist Major in Physiotherapy Interventions \(SM0063\)](#)
- [Core Major in Allied Health \(CM0023\)](#)
- [Specialist Major in Physiotherapy Practice \(SM0064\)](#)

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 and 2 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.

Honours Grade:

Honours class will be assessed in line with the University's Assessment Procedures.

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.