

Master of Physiotherapy (768AA.2)

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 Physiotherapy
UAC code	880805
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	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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About this course

Fast track your way into a Physiotherapy Career

If you already possess a health-related degree but now wish to move into a career in physiotherapy, then UC's Master of Physiotherapy course will help you fast-track your new career with confidence.

This 2-year, full-time course will help you leverage your existing qualification and combine it with a comprehensive integrated learning schedule to ensure that you meet both Australian Physiotherapy Association requirements and your career objectives in the most efficient way.

This course is unique to UC and has been specifically designed to help you not only graduate faster but also enter the physiotherapy industry with a highly competitive edge.

If you're a health graduate who wants to pursue a career path more in line with your passion or purpose, then look no further than UC's Master of Physiotherapy and take your career to another level – fast.

Study a Master 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 four 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. [Further information on WIL.](#)

Also, patients with a variety of medical issues, such as spinal cord injuries and Parkinson's disease, will 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

Potential careers available for UC Master of Physiotherapy students include:

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

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 course has been accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council. Graduates of the Master of Physiotherapy are eligible for registration as a Physiotherapist by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

For professional Physiotherapy registration with APHRA, IELTS is required for anyone who did not complete high school in Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand, USA, Canada or South Africa, as opposed to the University requirements where IELTS is only required for those who have not studied in an English speaking country.

Admission requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- A) a completed bachelor degree in a health science discipline* with a credit or higher average, and
- B) degree level studies in musculoskeletal anatomy, advanced functional anatomy, physiology of exercise and biomechanics.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide evidence that they meet the prerequisite degree level study requirements outlined above. You must upload a copy of the unit outlines/course syllabi of the relevant units only from your previous studies that show you meet these requirements with your application.

Applicants who do not meet the prerequisite requirements are encouraged to apply for entry into the Graduate Certificate of Human Movement 868AA <https://www.canberra.edu.au/course/868AA/4>

* Health science disciplines include exercise physiology, exercise science, exercise and sports science, medical science, biomedical science, health science, human movement, physiotherapy, physical therapy, applied science, human biology, medicine, rehabilitation science, human nutrition, occupational therapy.

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.

Domestic applicants who wish to be considered for a package with the Graduate Certificate in Human Movement Science (868AA) need to apply by 1 November.

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.

International applicants who wish to be considered for a package with the Graduate Certificate in Human Movement Science (868AA) need to apply by 1 October.

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.

Assumed knowledge

Musculoskeletal Anatomy, Advanced Functional Anatomy, Physiology of Exercise and Biomechanics.

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 Physiotherapy (768AA) | 48 credit points

Required - Must pass 42 credit points as follows

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[Cardiothoracic Interventions 1 PG \(6447\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Neurological Interventions 1 PG \(6452\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

Musculoskeletal Interventions 2 PG (6453) | 3 credit points – Level P
Cardiothoracic Interventions 2 PG (6455) | 3 credit points – Level P
Neurological Interventions 2 PG (6456) | 3 credit points – Level P
Research Planning PG (6486) | 3 credit points – Level P
Epidemiology and Principles of Research PG (9594) | 3 credit points – Level P
Orthopaedic Physiotherapy PG (11505) | 3 credit points – Level P
Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan PG (11551) | 3 credit points – Level P
Applied Physiotherapy Skills PG (11553) | 3 credit points – Level P
Clinical Physiotherapy 1 G (11554) | 3 credit points – Level G
Clinical Physiotherapy 2 G (11555) | 3 credit points – Level G
Clinical Physiotherapy 3 G (11556) | 3 credit points – Level G
Clinical Physiotherapy 4 G (11557) | 3 credit points – Level G

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 PG (6449) | 3 credit points – Level P
Essential Physiotherapy Skills PG (11552) | 3 credit points – Level P
Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 PG (11985) | 6 credit points – Level P
- From 2023, 11985 Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 PG replaces 11552 Essential Physiotherapy Skills PG + 6449 Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 PG

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 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

Cardiothoracic Interventions 1 PG (6447)
Musculoskeletal Interventions 1 PG (11985)
Orthopaedic Physiotherapy PG (11505)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Cardiothoracic Interventions 2 PG \(6455\)](#)

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

[Musculoskeletal Interventions 2 PG \(6453\)](#)

[Neurological Interventions 1 PG \(6452\)](#)

Semester 2

[Applied Physiotherapy Skills PG \(11553\)](#)

[Neurological Interventions 2 PG \(6456\)](#)

[Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan PG \(11551\)](#)

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

Year 3

Semester 1

[Clinical Physiotherapy 2 G \(11555\)](#)

[Clinical Physiotherapy 3 G \(11556\)](#)

[Clinical Physiotherapy 4 G \(11557\)](#)

Summer Semester

[Clinical Physiotherapy 1 G \(11554\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 2 years full-time. Maximum 4 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion. This course is only available for full-time enrolment.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Critique, synthesise and apply 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

	<p>their learning and professional lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
<p>Execute and illustrate expertise and skills in research to test established theories against a body of knowledge in the areas of growth and development, movement dysfunction, pathology or degeneration relevant to the practice of physiotherapy.</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession;</p> <p>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: Evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
<p>Implement well-developed communication skills, including culturally-responsive interpersonal, written and electronic communication with patients, families and carers, and other health professionals, in clinical and wider interprofessional contexts, including constructive conflict resolution.</p>	<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; 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>
<p>Facilitate safe and effective patient-centred assessment, therapeutic intervention, and evaluation using evidence-</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant</p>

based tools and outcome measures relevant to the practice of physiotherapy, incorporating patient's goals.

knowledge and skills; and display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload.

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.

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.

Implement 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.

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.

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.

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.

Integrate an in-depth understanding of the structure and function of the human body to the relevant 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.

Placements requirements

This course requires students to meet compulsory placement requirements prior to undertaking professional placement (Work-Integrated Learning) in a clinical or professional setting. For information on what these requirements are and how to meet these requirements, please visit www.canberra.edu.au/placement

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Physiotherapy	M Physio

Alternative exits

HLC002 Graduate Certificate in Health Studies

HLG002 Graduate Diploma in Health Studies

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	Please contact the Faculty of Health faculty office, email student.centre@canberra.edu.au
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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.