



Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)

Develop the skills needed to help individuals live fulfilling lives. Gain a strong understanding of the tools and support clients need to modify and undertake daily tasks.

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Welcome to Federation University Australia

We're thrilled that you've taken the first step towards a degree with Federation University. Whatever your passion or career goals, Federation has everything you need to get out there and make your mark in the world and feel supported in the process.

Starting or returning to study is a huge transition, but luckily for those attending Federation, we're ranked #1 in Victoria (Good Universities Guide 2023) for how we support undergraduate students through their learning journey, so you can rest assured that we are with you every step of the way.

We're among the top universities in Victoria for skills development (Good Universities Guide 2023) and that's because we have over 150 years history of partnering with community and industry to ensure we're educating and training graduates for the jobs and skills needed for the future of work in booming regional areas.

We're one of Australia's oldest universities with a long and strong history, and we draw on this experience to take us into the future. We're a smaller university, but this means we can be more agile, innovative and progressive in our response to regional and industry needs.

We have campuses in Ballarat, Berwick (Melbourne), Churchill (Gippsland), Wimmera (Horsham) and Brisbane. Each of our campuses are set in beautiful surroundings with stunning scenery and plenty of quiet nooks and crannies to absorb yourself in your studies.

Whether you're a secondary school student, you're returning to study or starting something completely new, Federation University will give you the tools and support you need to thrive in your academic journey and beyond.



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Why study Occupational Therapy (Honours) at Federation University Australia

Our **Bachelor of Occupational Therapy** will see you:

- Gain a deep knowledge of contemporary, research based occupational therapy practices.
- Learn how to meet a variety of client needs by providing guidance and the physical skills required to modify and undertake daily tasks.
- Graduate with the confidence to assist and empower people to overcome limitations in their daily lives and occupations.

Upon graduation, you'll be qualified to provide occupational therapy support to clients across a range of public and private health settings.

Qualified graduates are in-demand across medical rehabilitation centres, community health centres, home care services, aged care facilities, psychiatric clinics, hostels and hospitals, vocational rehabilitation centres, schools and educational facilities, independent living/ respite centres and private practices.



We are among the top 10 universities in Australia for our small class sizes, which means more one-on-one interactions with your lecturer, more learning opportunities, and more help with your assignments and coursework.

As Victoria's premier regional university, our graduates are uniquely positioned as a first choice for the many leading regional employers we partner with. We work hard to maintain our industry connections to provide the best possible learning experiences for our students so that they graduate with the skills they need in the workplace.



We're investing in your future

Scholarship information

At Federation, we offer a wide variety of scholarships and grants which give you the opportunity to succeed in your studies without the stress of financial pressure.

We strongly urge all new students to explore their scholarship options - ranging in value from \$300 to over \$18,000 - chances are that there will be an opportunity for you.

[Find out more →](#)

Am I eligible? Entry requirements

Current Year 12 applicants

If you have successfully completed year 12 (or equivalent) in the past two years you are considered a current year 12 applicant and must apply via [VTAC](#).

Early Offer Program

Finishing secondary school can be stressful, so if you are currently completing year 12 why not give yourself peace of mind with Federation University's [Early Offer Program](#)? Not only is an early offer exciting to receive, but knowing that you have already secured a place in a degree means you can head into exams fully focused.

Entry requirements

ATAR

This course uses the ATAR as part of its selection considerations.

Guaranteed ATAR: 70.00 If your ATAR is equal to, or higher, than the guaranteed ATAR, and you meet all other entry and extra requirements, you will be guaranteed an offer into this degree program.

VTAC Prerequisites

- Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in two units (any study combination) of any Mathematics: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.
- Units 3 and 4: satisfactory completion in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, Maths: Further Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods, Maths: Specialist Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.
- Units 3 and 4: study score of at least 25 in any English.

Non-Year 12 applicants

If you have completed or partially completed a Higher Education or Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification or are applying based on work/life experience you are considered a non-year 12 applicant. You may apply direct to Federation or via [VTAC](#).

Applicants with higher education and/or VET study*

For applicants who have previously completed higher education or VET studies this course uses the applicants' entire academic record as part of its selection considerations. Please also include a personal statement detailing all relevant work/life experience.

Higher Education

- Previous higher education studies with results at a pass level, including any 'single subjects of study', or successful completion of a tertiary preparatory program such as the Federation Foundation Access Studies Program (FAST).

VET

- Successful completion of a relevant VET qualification at Certificate III level or higher.

Applicants with work and life experience*

Applicants who have not completed secondary education or undertaken any TAFE or university studies should include a personal statement detailing all relevant experience to strengthen their application.

** May be eligible for credit for prior study (RPL - Recognition of Prior Learning) upon enrolment.*

Essential extra requirements

All applicants - If VCE Maths and/or English requirements or equivalent have not been met by an applicant, a **Literacy and/or Numeracy assessment** is required to demonstrate the pre-requisite requirements. Applicants required to complete the assessment will be notified.

Compulsory: Prior to commencing clinical placements students are expected to provide evidence of current immunisation status.

Working with children check

Compulsory: Applicants will be required to hold a valid Working with Children (WWC) Check for the relevant state prior to undertaking professional placements as part of this course. For more information see [Federation University Australia WWCC](#) information and [Working with Children in Victoria](#).

Police record check

Compulsory: Applicants will be required to hold a valid National Police Check for professional placements as part of this course. For more information see [Federation University Australia police check](#) information and [Victoria Police national police record checks](#)

Alternate pathways

Don't meet the entry requirements?

If you have not met the entry requirements for this program, you did not complete VCE, or are returning to study there are always alternate options available.

Pathways/Alternative Entry

This course uses the applicants' entire academic record as part of its selection considerations.

Completion of another degree, or successful (high standing) completion of year 1 of another relevant degree such as Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Education can be considered for entrance into Occupational Therapy.

Applicants who complete the first year of any of the following Federation degree programs will be eligible for consideration based on performance:

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education)
- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood & Primary)
- Bachelor of Community and Human Services
- Bachelor of Nursing

FAST (Foundation Access Studies program)

[FAST](#) is a single semester program designed to teach you how to study effectively, including how to write for academic purposes, research, use university systems and how to apply all these skills to your study. When you successfully complete FAST, you are guaranteed a place in one of our undergraduate degrees.

VET Pathways

Students can apply for a relevant VET course, at any VET provider, and then apply to articulate into this program. Students may receive credit for VET studies undertaken, which will be individually assessed upon request, after they enrol in this program.





What's in the detail?

Program information

Fees

As a domestic student you could be eligible for a [Commonwealth supported place \(CSP\)](#) where the Australian Government subsidises your fees and you pay the student contribution amount (SCA). CSP's for eligible students are available in all undergraduate programs and most postgraduate programs.

As a full time student your contribution amount will be \$8,301 p.a. for students commencing in 2023 (indicative and subject to change).

As a Commonwealth Supported Place student, you may be eligible to defer payment of your student contribution through the HECS-HELP loan scheme. Please visit our [HECS-HELP](#) webpage for further information.

The total cost will vary depending on the subjects you choose, your study load, and the time it takes to complete your course.

You may need to pay some other fees such as the [Student Services and Amenities Fee \(SSAF\)](#).

Please visit [federation.edu.au/fees](https://www.federation.edu.au/fees) to obtain further information about Indicative Program Fees.

Other study costs

Steel cap safety boots and safety glasses - \$60.00

How to apply

To apply as a domestic student, please visit:

[federation.edu.au/apply](https://www.federation.edu.au/apply) →

or apply via [VTAC](#).

To apply as an international student, please visit:

[federation.edu.au/international](https://www.federation.edu.au/international) →

Note - application method varies depending on your circumstances, please visit our [How to apply](#) page for further information.

Location

Churchill (Gippsland)

Study duration

4 years (full time)

Intakes

Semester 1 (March)

Study load

Up to 16- 20 hours per week*
(3 to 4 hours per course).

**Excludes any placement hours*

What's in the detail?

Study streams & structure

SAMPLE STRUCTURE - BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (HONOURS)			
YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy and Physiology for Rehabilitation Science 1 Introduction to Occupation and Occupational Therapy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication skills for Health Professionals Foundations of Allied Health Professionals Practice
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy and Physiology for Rehabilitation Science 2 Life Span Development for Health A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Healthcare in Australia Enabling Occupation through Partnerships
YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health promotion for health professionals Physical and cognitive – neurological determinants of occupation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical medicine for therapy
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Professional research 1 Psycho-emotional determinants of occupation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contextual determinants of occupation Rural and remote primary and public health care in occupational therapy
YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Professional research 2 Enhancing Practice capabilities Professional practice preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupational therapy honours research Part 1 of 3 Elective
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural and Urban practice 1 Rural and Urban practice 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective
YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Rural or Urban Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupational Therapy Honours research Part 2 of 3
	SEMESTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health law and ethics, reflective practice Advancing professional practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupational therapy honours project 3 of 3

Information contained in this structure is subject to change.
[Current version available here.](#)



We're a Co-operative University - what does that mean?

The Federation University Co-operative Model – real workplaces, real projects, and real career opportunities.

Federation University aspires to be Australia's first co-operative university. We have made a commitment to embed co-operative learning across every program and course by 2025, in TAFE, higher education and research.

Co-operative learning, or 'co-op' is a well-established international model that prepares students for their future careers by linking them to workplaces as a core part of their degree through co-operative relationships with industry.

Co-op is different to traditional work placements. A co-op program incorporates employer and industry engagement from start to finish. It means that the program is co-designed, co-developed, co-delivered, co-assessed and co-accredited with input from employers and industry.

By actively working alongside regional employers and industries, we will ensure that your study experience is loaded with real-world skill development, you'll be certain of your future in your chosen industry, and you'll be supported to make a difference in your local community.

Co-op builds on our core strength as a dual-sector, regional university with top ratings in Victoria in graduate employment outcomes and skills development, along with our leadership in industry collaboration.

What does the co-op model offer students?

Our students will benefit from working on projects in real workplaces, delivering practical outcomes for industry, government, and not-for-profits, with the work experience they gain contributing to their academic record and completion of their program.

Every student will complete structured workplace skills and accredited learning in a workplace, with options for paid cadetships, internships, or working on real projects on campus.

Every Federation co-op degree will:

- Include transferable skills as well as technical skills to prepare you for your career
- Include at least 150 hours of workplace learning that contributes to your course credits
- Give you the opportunity to work alongside industry leaders and build your professional network while you study

You'll also be provided with a range of opportunities to suit your goals and needs, including:

- Paid extended internships
- Shorter 'learning in the workplace' opportunities
- Team-based projects for an industry partner
- Connections with local and international opportunities, with access to major national and global employers opening up opportunities for travel

At Federation University, our co-op model will provide you with real, meaningful work experience in workplaces using the latest technology, no matter what degree or program you choose.



Our industry connections are well established

Thanks to Federation's experienced staff and long history, we have some of the strongest industry and business relationships in Australia.

Work Integrated Learning

Across all our programs and courses Work Integrated Learning (WIL) can be real or simulated, occurring in the workplace, at University, online or face to face.

A [WIL placement](#) is a smart way to boost your employability and meet the kind of people you'll be working with in the field.

With our strong connections, we partner you with leading businesses and organisations.

Industry Placement Program

The [Industry Placement Program](#) (IPP) provides students with an opportunity to gain valuable workplace experience, to enhance their knowledge and skills. IPP is a unique pathway for businesses, government, and industry to attract new talent with skills and interests relevant to the workplace

Careers and employability

Our [careers and employability team](#) provide career advice, help with finding work while you study, internships and vacation programs, volunteer work, graduate programs, and graduate jobs.

We offer a broad range of services including several workshops and programs on a range of employment-related topics, offered both on campus and online. We can help with writing your resume, cover letter, key selection criteria document reviews, job interview preparation and practice, access to volunteering opportunities, and careers information and resources.

We also provide you with access to an online jobs portal, EDGE, which gives you access to a range of current employment, volunteer, and skills development opportunities.

[Find out more about our partnerships →](#)

We're renowned for Supporting our students

We understand that starting or returning to university study is exciting, but that it also involves change with a challenge or two along the way.

To help you meet these challenges, and to succeed, we have a range of student-focused programs and services available that will help you strike the right balance between work, life and play during your time with us.

Support services

We have an extensive range of personal support services dedicated to supporting your day-to-day wellbeing and activities, including:

- Accommodation
- Scholarships and grants
- Equity and inclusion
- Health services
- Complaints
- Aboriginal Education Centre
- Safer campuses
- Elite athlete program
- Counselling
- Disability support
- Financial information and support
- International student advisory
- Chaplaincy
- Justice of the peace
- Student advocacy
- Children's centres

Academic support

Access study support, resources and learning advice to help you improve your academic skills - you'll find everything you need to make your studies a success including tips on managing your enrolment, accessing our systems, and finding opportunities to build your career and connect to fellow students, including:

- ASK desk
- Copyright
- Fed Ready
- Help with referencing
- IT support
- Learning skills advisors
- Library
- Online systems help
- Online study hub and booklet
- PASS (Peer Assisted Study Support) program
- Student mentors
- Studiosity study skills
- Subject guides



Fast facts and additional information

We're an institution steeped in history. Starting small with just one campus in Ballarat, Victoria over 150 years ago. Roll on to today and we have impact worldwide.

Our campuses

Our campuses stretch across Victoria - from the Wimmera and Ballarat in the west, to Berwick and Gippsland in the east - and into Queensland with our newest addition in Brisbane giving students even more choice.

On campus accommodation

[FedLiving](#) allows you to live on campus and meet new people from a range of backgrounds and courses. First-year undergraduate students are guaranteed accommodation during their first year of study*.

**conditions apply*

Useful links

[Aboriginal Education Centre](#)

[Chaplaincy](#)

[Children's Centres](#)

[Counselling](#)

[Disability Support](#)

[Elite Athlete Program](#)

[Higher Degrees by Research](#)

[International Students](#)

[Libraries](#)

[P-Tech](#)

[Student Advisory Service](#)

[Student Careers & Employment](#)

[Student Health](#)

[Student HQ](#)

[TAFE](#)

[Textbooks and study resources](#)

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Have a question?

We're #1 in student support for good reason. Book a one-on-one consultation to speak directly to our expert Future Students team now.

[Book a consultation today →](#)

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