



Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)

Make a meaningful difference for people experiencing barriers that impact their ability to engage in everyday occupations, ranging from brushing hair to driving a car. Our program has a special focus on occupational therapy in rural and regional settings and preparing graduates to provide exceptional services to people in these communities.

Our program

You'll examine and practice a range of occupational therapy approaches to help clients achieve their goals despite the challenges that result from illness, injury, psychological problems, developmental delays or aging processes. Through collaboration with clients and other healthcare professionals, you will identify, implement and evaluate solutions that could include education, environmental modification or skill development.

Our program focuses on contemporary evidence-based occupational therapy practice and draws on real-life scenarios and cases. It takes four years full-time to complete the program. Some courses are delivered with other health professional students so you will also gain inter-disciplinary, professional experience.

What to expect

Clinical placements are a compulsory component of the program, taking place throughout your degree. You will undertake over 1,000 hours of clinical placements (also referred to as work-integrated learning) where you will be in the field working alongside occupational therapists to develop your skills and professional reasoning. These opportunities will allow you to apply theoretical knowledge and develop your clinical skills.

Career opportunities

Occupational therapists are employed in public and private hospitals, rehabilitation centres, community health centres, home care services, hostels and aged care facilities, psychiatric clinics, vocational rehabilitation centres, schools and educational facilities, independent living centres and private practice.

Occupational therapists work with people across the lifespan, in injury prevention and health promotion, restoration of function, and self-management with people who have private or public funding, including National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) support. Career prospects are good with employment of occupational therapists projected to grow by almost 15 per cent between May 2018-2023, according to 2018 Department of Jobs and Small Business data.

Professional recognition

The course is accredited by the Australian Occupational Therapy Council (OTC) and graduates are eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Graduates' qualifications are recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).

Our staff

Our enthusiastic and energetic academics maintain their strong industry knowledge with significant on-going experience and networks in the sector. They are committed to assisting and supporting students align theory and practice.

Fees

Information regarding Indicative Program Fees is available at [federation.edu.au/fees](https://www.federation.edu.au/fees).

For further information regarding Commonwealth Supported Places and HECS-HELP visit www.studyassist.gov.au.

Entry requirements and exit points

YEAR 12

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

NON YEAR 12

- Applications will be considered individually.

Application information

Applicants must obtain a police check, Working with Children Check (WWCC) and immunisation (Statement of currency) prior to enrolment.

The application method varies depending on your circumstances, please visit our [federation.edu.au/apply](https://www.federation.edu.au/apply) page for further information.

Pathways / alternate entry

Defined TAFE pathway program:

Additional essential requirements for admission may apply following completion of this pathway.

- HLT43015 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (no credit awarded)

Please contact us to discuss other pathways and alternate entry options.

Program delivery location

Gippsland (Churchill)

Program duration

4 years full-time (or part-time equivalent, but the final 2 years must be completed full time)

Sample course plan

BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (HONOURS)		
	SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
YEAR 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy and Physiology for Rehabilitation Science 1 Introduction to Occupation and Occupational Therapy Communication Skills for Health Professionals Foundations of Allied Health Professional Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy and Physiology for Rehabilitation Science 2 Life Span Development for Health A Health and Healthcare in Australia Enabling Occupation through Partnerships
YEAR 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Professional Research 1 Health Promotion for Health Professionals Physical and Cognitive-Neurological Determinants of Occupation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural and Remote Primary and Public Health Care Psycho-Emotional Determinants of Occupation Contextual Determinants of Occupation Clinical Medicare for Therapy
YEAR 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Professional Research 2 Enhancing Practice Capabilities Professional Practice Preparation OT Research/ Project 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural and Urban Practice 1 Rural and Urban Practice 2
YEAR 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Rural or Urban Practice OT Research/Project 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Law and Ethics, Reflective Practice Advanced Professional Practice Health Policy and Planning OT Research/Project 3