



Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (International students)

Program code

1400

Commencing in

For Continuing Students Only

Available at

Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus

Duration

4 years full-time

Credit points

320

Important Notes

From 2023, Commencing students are referred to the **Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) (1662)**.

About this program

In this degree, you will develop the skills needed to work as an occupational therapist to deliver life changing outcomes. You will learn how to enable people to do the activities - occupations - they need or want to do in order to live a meaningful life, but have difficulty with due to illness, injury or other disadvantages.

You will study occupational therapy theory and practice, occupational science, and other sciences such as psychology, sociology and anatomy. With practical placements, starting in first year, you will apply the skills and knowledge to real life situations preparing you for the wide range of opportunities available to occupational therapists.

In this degree, you will join a community of students and experts and learn through social media as well as in the classroom.

Honours is available for this degree.

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Note: Progression to the Honours program is dependent upon satisfying eligibility requirements.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The program will be offered on-campus on a full-time basis using the in-person mode of delivery every trimester.

Students will need to be available full-time to attend professional practice education in Years 3 and 4.

If you are an International student on a student visa, you must ensure that you enrol in a way that will allow you to complete your enrolment within the expected program duration as stated on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Work-integrated learning

Work integrated learning activities integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in this degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life. It is also an accreditation requirement of both Occupational Therapy Board of Australia/Occupational Therapy Council and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Work integrated learning in this program is undertaken in the 60 credit points of Occupational Therapy Practice Education

courses completed in Years 3 and 4 of the program and integrated in other courses in earlier years (1040 hours). Student performance while on practice education is assessed using the national occupational therapy tool the Student Practice Evaluation Form - Revised Edition. It is also anticipated that quality assurance of practice education will be supported by the use of the Improving Quality in Practice Placements (iQIPP-AH) suite of documents.

Practice education will be managed within School and Health Group policies and processes. Griffith University will also become part of the state-wide network that manages practice education placements.

My career opportunities

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You will be prepared for a career in a variety of workplaces, including in hospitals, homeless shelters, refugee detention centres, universities, and government departments. You will be able to work with individuals, groups and communities in social enterprises, charities, large companies, schools and prisons.

Program accreditation

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The Bachelor of Occupational Therapy offered at the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses has been approved by the [Occupational Therapy Board of Australia](#) and accredited by the [Occupational Therapy Council](#), [Occupational Therapy Australia](#) and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Professional recognition

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Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as an occupational therapist with the [Occupational Therapy Board of Australia](#) (subject to meeting any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the [Occupational Therapy Board of Australia](#)). As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact the [Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency](#) (AHPRA) to confirm registration requirements.

Placement requirements

Professional Practice requirements

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Health Placement Support Hub](#) for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

What are the fees?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a Pacific Engagement visa holder or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- An International student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (1400)

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the [Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy](#).

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place (subject to availability) or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.6 - Fees for International Students
 - 3.9 - Administrative and Miscellaneous Charges
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Cost of studying in Australia](#)

Additional fee information

Throughout your program you may be required to pay for the following items:

first aid certificate; immunisations; uniforms; expenses associated with placements such as travel and accommodation, Fit for Professional Practice Placement costs such as Blue Card, Police Check. See [Health Placement Support Hub](#) website for more details.