



Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Domestic students)

Program code

1400

Commencing in

For Continuing Students Only

Available at

Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus

Duration

4 years full-time

or 4 years part-time + 2 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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1405	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	Gold Coast, Nathan	For Continuing Students Only

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.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

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?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate 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 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

Further information

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)

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.