Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Domestic students)

Program code
1579

Commencing in
For Continuing Students Only

Available at
Nathan Campus

Duration
4 years full-time

Credit points
320

Important Notes

From 2021, commencing students are referred to the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (1589).

About this program

Graduates will be eligible to register to practice as a Physiotherapist within Australia following accreditation. Students will undertake biomedical, physical and behavioural science courses as well as physiotherapy academic and clinical courses. Before graduation, students will be required to demonstrate physiotherapy knowledge and skills required for entry-level clinical physiotherapy practice.

This program provides an innovative, student-centred and employability-focused curriculum with a strong emphasis on client-centred and evidence based-practice as well as experiential and inter-professional learning.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

Bachelor of Physiotherapy students will be expected to study full-time on-campus and attend all scheduled learning activities and clinical placements.

Compulsory clinical placements begin in Year 4 of the program. Students must have successfully completed all courses in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy year one, two and three (240CP) before progressing to year four practicum courses 4401AHS, 4402AHS, 4403AHS, 4404AHS and 4405AHS.

Each clinical placement will have a different focus, such as physiotherapy within musculoskeletal, cardiorespiratory, neurological, or across the lifespan areas. Clinical placements will also take place in a variety of settings, such as inpatients, outpatients, community centres, or private practice. Regardless of the clinical placement focus or setting, students will be expected to safely and competently assess and treat clients in a holistic and evidence-based manner, drawing on knowledge and skill sets related to core areas of physiotherapy practice.

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

Bachelor of Physiotherapy students will undertake several work-integrated learning activities throughout their program of

study. Students will undertake clinical experiences from Year 1 to Year 4 as part of academic courses. Students will also undertake five week full-time clinical placements as part of five clinical placement courses.

My career opportunities

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Physiotherapists aim to enhance the movement and function of individuals and populations across the lifespan especially when actual or potential impairments and disability relate to the musculoskeletal, cardiorespiratory, and neurological systems. Physiotherapists work in various settings such as hospitals, private practices, community health centres, schools, sporting teams and the armed forces. Physiotherapists may also be employed at universities to teach or conduct research or consult for industry and government bodies.

Program accreditation

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The Bachelor of Physiotherapy is accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council (APC).

Professional recognition

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Graduates of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy are recognised by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (PBA) and will be eligible to apply for registration through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) to practice physiotherapy within Australia.

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.