

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)



Sunshine Coast, Semester 1 2024

Program structure

Introductory courses (8) 96 units

HLT140 Think Health
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience
LFS112 Human Physiology
LFS122 Human Anatomy
OCC101 Concepts in Human Occupation
OCC102 Participation in Occupation
PSY100 Introduction to Psychology A
PSY101 Introduction to Psychology B

Developing and Graduate courses (15) 192 units

HLT205 Health Research and Evidence
HLT242 Indigenous Wellbeing Practice
OCC201 Occupational Therapy Theory
OCC202 Therapeutic Skills
OCC212 Evaluation of Occupational Performance
OCC222 Neurological Causes of Occupational Dysfunction
OCC232 Foundational Placement Competencies in Allied Health
OCC301 Enabling Occupation: The Child and Adolescent
OCC311 Enabling Occupation: The Adult
OCC312 Enabling Occupation: The Older Person
OCC321 Occupational Therapy in Mental Health
OCC322 Consolidation of Occupational Therapy Practice Competencies 1(24 units)
OCC331 Foundational Placement Competencies in Occupational Therapy
PSY203 Introduction to Human Development
SPX201 Functional Anatomy

PLUS one of the following pathways:

Project Pathway courses (4) 96 units

OCC401 Consolidation of Occupational Therapy Practice Competencies 2(48 units)
OCC402 Professional Issues in Occupational Therapy
OCC432 Occupational Therapy Innovation(24 units)
OCC442 Occupational Therapy Reasoning, Research & Evaluation (Project Pathway)

Research Pathway courses (4) 96 units

OCC401 Consolidation of Occupational Therapy Practice Competencies 2(48 units)
OCC402 Professional Issues in Occupational Therapy
OCC422 Occupational Therapy Thesis(24 units)
OCC452 Occupational Therapy Reasoning, Research & Evaluation (Research Pathway)

Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all UniSC courses are available on every UniSC campus.

Total units: 384

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Study sequence

This Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) recommended study sequence is for students commencing in the current Semester and undertaking the Project Pathway.

Note: The first two years of the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) are identical in both the Project and Research Pathway. All students will follow the Project Pathway initially and students who apply to undertake Research will follow the Research Pathway from Year 3 onwards.

Year 1

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: The online course offering is not available to students enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery due to external accreditation. Anti: LFS100
OCC101 Concepts in Human Occupation	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC440
PSY100 Introduction to Psychology A	• Semester 1	12	Anti: SCS101
HLT140 Think Health	• Semester 1	12	

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
LFS112 Human Physiology	• Semester 2	12	Anti: LFS201 or LFS202 or LFS203
LFS122 Human Anatomy	• Semester 2	12	
OCC102 Participation in Occupation	• Semester 2	12	Pre: OCC101 and enrolled in Program SC440
PSY101 Introduction to Psychology B	• Semester 2	12	

Year 2

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT205 Health Research and Evidence	• Semester 1	12	Anti: NUR131

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OCC202 Therapeutic Skills	• Semester 1	12	Pre: LFS122 and OCC102 and enrolled in Program SC440
PSY203 Introduction to Human Development	• Semester 1	12	Pre: PSY100 and PSY101
SPX201 Functional Anatomy	• Semester 1	12	Pre: LFS122

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
OCC201 Occupational Therapy Theory	• Semester 2	12	Pre: OCC102 and LFS112 and LFS122 and PSY100 and PSY101 and (HLT205 or SCI110)
OCC212 Evaluation of Occupational Performance	• Semester 2	12	Pre: OCC102, PSY101, SPX201, OCC202 and enrolled in Program SC440
OCC222 Neurological Causes of Occupational Dysfunction	• Semester 2	12	Pre: OCC102 and PSY203 and LFS103 and LFS112 and LFS122 and SPX201 and enrolled in Program SC440
OCC232 Foundational Placement Competencies in Allied Health	• Sunshine Coast Health Institute: Semester 2	12	Pre: (OCC202 and enrolled in Program SC440) or (HLT208 and enrolled in Program SC307) or (OCC202 and enrolled in Program SC367 with a Prosthetics & Orthotics Extended Major)

Year 3

Session 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
OCC321 Occupational Therapy in Mental Health	• Session 1	12	Pre: OCC201 and OCC212 and OCC222 and OCC232 and enrolled in Program SC440

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Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
OCC301 Enabling Occupation: The Child and Adolescent	• Semester 1	12	Pre: OCC201 and OCC212 and OCC222 and OCC232 and enrolled in Program SC440
OCC311 Enabling Occupation: The Adult	• Semester 1	12	Pre: OCC201 and OCC212 and OCC222 and OCC232 and enrolled in Program SC440
OCC312 Enabling Occupation: The Older Person	• Semester 1	12	Pre: OCC201 and OCC212 and OCC232 and OCC222 and enrolled in Program SC440
OCC442 Occupational Therapy Reasoning, Research & Evaluation (Project Pathway)	• Semester 1	12	Pre: OCC201 and OCC212 and OCC222 and OCC232 and HLT205 and enrolled in Program SC440 Anti: OCC452

Session 5

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
OCC331 Foundational Placement Competencies in Occupational Therapy	• Sunshine Coast Health Institute: Session 5	12	Pre: OCC321 and (OCC442 or OCC452) and enrolled in Program SC440

Session 6, 7 or 8

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
OCC322 Consolidation of Occupational Therapy Practice Competencies 1	• Session 6, Session 7	24	Pre: OCC331 and OCC301 and OCC311 and OCC321 and OCC312 and (OCC442 or OCC452) and enrolled in Program SC440

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Year 4

Session 2 or 3

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
OCC401 Consolidation of Occupational Therapy Practice Competencies 2	• Session 2, Session 3	48	Pre: OCC322 and (OCC442 or OCC452) and enrolled in Program SC440

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
OCC402 Professional Issues in Occupational Therapy	• Semester 2	12	Pre: OCC401 and enrolled in Program SC440
OCC432 Occupational Therapy Innovation	• Semester 2	24	Pre: (OCC442 or OCC452) and OCC401 and enrolled in Program SC440 Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) - project pathway Anti: OCC422
HLT242 Indigenous Wellbeing Practice	• Semester 2	12	Pre: HLT150 or SCS130 or OCC102

Program requirements and notes

In order to graduate you must:

- Successfully complete 384 units as outlined in the Program Structure
- Complete requirement as listed below

Program notes

- For Sippy Downs students some courses in this program will be taught at the Sunshine Coast Health Institute
- Preparing for study at SCHI
- Completing this program within the specified (full-time) duration is based on studying 48 unit points per semester (normally 4 courses) and following the recommended study sequence
- Due to external accreditation and sequencing courses within the program, pre-requisites cannot be waived. It is not possible to study 300 level courses prior to completing all the 200 level courses as this professional externally accredited program is developmentally sequential.
- Work experience hours cannot be credited towards placement or any other courses as per USC policy for RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning). There are no specified RPL credits, no unspecified RPL credits or block RPL credits.
- The unit value of all courses is 12 units unless otherwise specified
- It is each student's responsibility to enrol correctly according to your course requisites, program rules and requirements and be aware of the academic calendar dates
- Courses within this program are assessed using a variety of assessment methods including essays, seminar presentations, reports, in-class tests and examinations. Not all courses will necessarily include all methods
- The Study Overseas Program is not currently available to occupational therapy students

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- Only a full-time study option is available to international students on a Student Visa. Please refer to the English language requirements
- Refer to the Managing your progression page for help in understanding your program structure, reviewing your progress and planning remaining courses.

WIL notes

This program includes compulsory placements in settings that require full COVID-19 vaccination.

It is a Queensland Government requirement that students undertaking a placement within a clinical setting are fit tested annually for an approved respirator. Clinical settings include hospitals, residential aged care facilities, residential disability care facilities, prison health services, youth detention health services, community health care settings, and vaccination clinics). If the Fit Testing requirement applies to placement activity within your Program it will appear in your mandatory checks on Sonia Online. In accordance with Australian Standards, you must be clean shaven for your fit test. Facial hair that lies along the sealing surface of a tight-fitting respirator prevents an effective seal. Therefore, it is a requirement that there is no hair growth between the skin and the facepiece sealing surface in order to achieve a fit. At this stage, there is no exemption in Queensland to this requirement for religious or other reasons and UniSC is unable to waive this requirement.

- Each student needs to complete 1000 hour of practice education (Work integrated learning). This will require students to attend worksites on a fulltime basis for 10 weeks at a time. These worksites may be outside of the Sunshine Coast but within Queensland.
- Hold a valid Blue Card from the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA), throughout the duration of your program. You should allow 12 weeks for PSBA to issue the card. This is required by Week 8 of Semester 1, first Year
- Provide evidence of immunity to Hepatitis B (blood titre level after approved vaccination schedule)
- Provide evidence of COVID-19 vaccination
- Comply with requirement for annual fit testing of an approved respirator
- Hold current Senior First Aid and CPR certificates (currency of certification is to be maintained throughout the program)
- Purchase the required OT uniform
- You may also be required to complete a Criminal History Check for particular placements, cost of which is to be borne by the student
- During practice education students are likely to be exposed to people with infectious diseases, including COVID-19, and students will be required to use PPE.
- For more information on mandatory requirements refer to Occupational Therapy - Placements.