

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)



Sunshine Coast, Semester 1 2024

Program structure

Introductory courses (8) 96 units

HLT140 Think Health
HLT150 Indigenous Wellbeing Foundations
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience
LFS112 Human Physiology
LFS122 Human Anatomy
PSY100 Introduction to Psychology A
PTY100 Introduction to Physiotherapy Practice A
PTY101 Introduction to Physiotherapy Practice B

Developing courses (8) 96 units

HLT205 Health Research and Evidence
HLT209 Pharmacology for Allied Health
PTY200 Core Physiotherapy Skills A
PTY201 Core Physiotherapy Skills B
SPX201 Functional Anatomy
SPX202 Biomechanics I
SPX211 Exercise Physiology I
SPX231 Motor Control and Learning

Graduate courses (8) 96 units

HLT304 Health Care in Regional, Rural and Remote Areas
PTY300 Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy
PTY301 Neurological Physiotherapy
PTY302 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy A
PTY303 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy B
PTY304 Paediatric Physiotherapy
PTY305 Physiotherapy for Aging and Disability
PTY406 Physiotherapy for Complex Cases and Unique Populations

Pathway (8) 96 units

Select 1 pathway from:

Physiotherapy Research Pathway

Physiotherapy Clinical Pathway

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

Total units: 384

Study sequence

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

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

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT140 Think Health	• Semester 1	12	
LFS122 Human Anatomy	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	
PSY100 Introduction to Psychology A	• Semester 1	12	Anti: SCS101
PTY100 Introduction to Physiotherapy Practice A	• Semester 1	12	Pre: enrolled in BH001

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT150 Indigenous Wellbeing Foundations	• Semester 2	12	
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
LFS112 Human Physiology	• Semester 2	12	Anti: LFS201 or LFS202 or LFS203
PTY101 Introduction to Physiotherapy Practice B	• Semester 2	12	Pre: PTY100 and enrolled in BH001

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT205 Health Research and Evidence	• Semester 1	12	Anti: NUR131
HLT209 Pharmacology for Allied Health	• Online: Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: LFS112
PTY200 Core Physiotherapy Skills A	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY101 and enrolled in BH001 Co: SPX201
SPX201 Functional Anatomy	• Semester 1	12	Pre: LFS122

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Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
PTY201 Core Physiotherapy Skills B	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY200 and enrolment in BH001 Co: SPX202 and SPX211
SPX202 Biomechanics I	• Semester 2	12	Pre: LFS122
SPX211 Exercise Physiology I	• Semester 2	12	Pre: LFS112 or SPX103
SPX231 Motor Control and Learning	• Semester 2	12	Pre: LFS122 or HLT100 or SPX103

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
PTY300 Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY201 and SPX211 and enrolled in BH001 Co: PTY301 and PTY302
PTY301 Neurological Physiotherapy	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY201 and SPX231 and enrolled in BH001
PTY302 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy A	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY201 and SPX211 and enrolled in BH001 Co: PTY301
HLT400 Research Dissertation A: Literature Review and Research Questions in Health	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: HLT205 and PTY201 and enrolled in BH001 and Research pathway

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
PTY303 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy B	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY301 and PTY302 and enrolled in BH001 Corequisite: PTY304
PTY304 Paediatric Physiotherapy	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY300 and PTY301 and enrolled in BH001

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Co:
PTY305

PTY305 Physiotherapy for Aging and Disability	• Not Currently Offered	12
HLT401 Research Dissertation B: Research Proposal and Ethics in Health	• Not Currently Offered	12

Pre:
HLT400 and enrolled in BH001 and Research pathway

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT304 Health Care in Regional, Rural and Remote Areas	• Not Currently Offered	12	
PTY400 Physiotherapy Practicum A	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY303 and PTY304 and PTY305 and enrolled in program BH001
PTY406 Physiotherapy for Complex Cases and Unique Populations	• Not Currently Offered	12	Co: PTY400
HLT402 Research Dissertation C: Research Data Collection and Analyses in Health	• Not Currently Offered	12	

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
PTY401 Physiotherapy Practicum B	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY400 and enrolled in BH001
PTY402 Physiotherapy Practicum C	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: Enrolment in BH001 and PTY400 Physiotherapy Practicum A
PTY403 Physiotherapy Practicum D	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: PTY400 and enrolled in BH001
HLT403 Research Dissertation D: Completing your Thesis and Communicating Research Findings in Health	• Not Currently Offered	12	Pre: HLT402 AND Enrolment in BH001 and Research pathway

Program requirements and notes

To graduate from BH001 Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours), a student is required to:

- Successfully complete 384 units as outlined in the program structure
- Complete a clinical or research pathway
- Achieve at least 50% in practical assessments (e.g. objective structured clinical examinations) that screen student readiness to safely assess and treat clients under supervision on clinical placement. These assessments are embedded within:
 - PTY101 Introduction to Physiotherapy Practice B
 - PTY201 Core Physiotherapy Skills B
 - PTY300 Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy

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- PTY301 Neurological Physiotherapy
- PTY302 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy A
- PTY303 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy B
- PTY304 Paediatric Physiotherapy

4. Students must submit clinical experience logs and reflections associated with clinical placements and fieldwork. These requirements are embedded within:

- PTY200 Core Physiotherapy Skills A
- PTY201 Core Physiotherapy Skills B
- PTY304 Paediatric Physiotherapy
- PTY305 Physiotherapy for Aging and Disability
- PTY400 Physiotherapy Practicum A
- PTY401 Physiotherapy Practicum B
- PTY402 Physiotherapy Practicum C
- PTY403 Physiotherapy Practicum D
- PTY404 Physiotherapy Practicum E (clinical pathway students only)

5. Students in the clinical and research pathway must participate in journal club and successfully complete the ethical, legal and professional practice quiz. These requirements are embedded within

- PTY408 Evidence Based Practice and Innovation in Physiotherapy B (clinical pathway)
- HLT400 Research Dissertation A- Literature Review and Research Questions in Health (research pathway)
- PTY405 Graduate Work Readiness and Professional Issues in Physiotherapy (clinical pathway)
- HLT404 Research Dissertation D – Completing Your Thesis and Communicating Research Findings in Health (research pathway)

Physiotherapy Clinical Pathway and Research Pathways

At the end of second year of physiotherapy study at UniSC, high achieving students (with a minimum GPA of 5.0) will have the option of applying to transfer into the research pathway within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) and undertake a supervised individualised honours project over years 3 and 4. Otherwise students will undertake the clinical pathway.

Honours Classification and Calculation

Physiotherapy graduates on the research pathway will be eligible to receive a classified honours qualification calculated on the marks achieved across research dissertation courses.

The determination of the class of honours received is based on the following:

- Class I: overall grade in the range 80% - 100%
- Class IIA: overall grade in the range 70% - 79%
- Class IIB: overall grade in the range 60% - 69%

Graduates in the research pathway who score less than 60% across research dissertation courses, and graduates in the clinical pathway will receive an unclassified honours award. This means that physiotherapy graduates who undertake the research pathway may be eligible for direct entry into a Doctor of Philosophy program (AQF10), while all other students would be eligible for entry into Masters of Philosophy research program (or similar) (AQF9).

WIL notes

Clinical placements

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) students will undertake 1000+ hours of supervised clinical placements over the four years of the program. Close monitoring of student experiences on clinical placement will be undertaken so that students have adequate clinical experience across core domains of physiotherapy practice (e.g. musculoskeletal, neurological, cardiorespiratory) with different age groups (i.e. children to older adults) and in different contexts (e.g. hospital, private practice, aged care facilities, community settings). Student competency on placement in years 3 and 4 will be assessed using the standardised assessment tool for physiotherapy – Assessment of Physiotherapy Practice (APP). A modified clinical placement assessment will be utilised in second year. Clinical placements may be sourced anywhere in Australia, although the predominant focus will be on sourcing placements in Queensland, Sunshine Coast and regional areas in Australia.

Academic and Clinical Calendar

Second year physiotherapy students will undertake 120 hours of clinical placement (i.e. equivalent to 3 weeks full time) which will be scheduled in a flexible manner across the year according to clinical partner and student availability. This may include part time

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placement during semester around classes, or else full time placement blocks scheduled within semester breaks. Clinical placement in second year is embedded within PTY200 Core Physiotherapy Skills A and PTY201 Core Physiotherapy Skills B.

In third year physiotherapy students will undertake their first graduate level placement – a 5-week full time placement in Trimester 3 or Session 1 (PTY400 Physiotherapy Practicum A). In fourth year, physiotherapy students will undertake another 15-20 weeks of clinical placements in 5-week full time placement blocks (PTY401 Physiotherapy Practicum B, PTY402 Physiotherapy Practicum C, PTY403 Physiotherapy Practicum D, PTY404 Physiotherapy Practicum E). The timing of 5-week clinical placement blocks will align with the national physiotherapy placement calendar (ie across 9 blocks).

Teaching in Year 4

Students will be allocated to placements based on clinical partner availability therefore academic courses in fourth year will be taught flexibly around clinical placement allocations. Academic courses in fourth year will therefore have a blended learning design with flexible online learning modules and intensive on-campus workshops. Intensive on-campus workshops will be scheduled across the semester within different clinical placement blocks to accommodate variable student placement allocations.

Fit for placement requirements

To maintain their enrolment in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) and to be able to access mandatory clinical placements, physiotherapy students will need to meet "Fit for Placement" requirements by the end of first-year and maintain currency throughout their study. Associated documentation needs to be uploaded to SONIA to enable enrolment into PTY200 Core Physiotherapy Skills A – the first clinical placement is embedded in this course.