Master of Occupational Therapy Practice

Graduates of the Master of Occupational Therapy Practice program at Monash University will have access to a wide range of career opportunities in health and human services and become part of an international community of occupational therapy practitioners.

Career opportunities

A degree in occupational therapy provides a breadth of employment opportunities; working with individuals, small groups, organisations or communities. Occupational therapists work in many settings including hospitals, rehabilitation, private practice, community health, early intervention, social services, schools, government agencies, industrial and commercial organisations, mental health services, homes, and supported housing. After gaining relevant workplace experience further career opportunities exist in education, management and research.

Course objectives

The Master of Occupational Therapy Practice (MOTPrac) course at Monash University prepares graduates to practice as entry-level occupational therapy practitioners.

The curriculum focuses on:

- the interrelationships of occupation with health and wellbeing and the nature of occupational performance and participation as the core body of knowledge supporting the practice of occupational therapy;
- practices centred on the client’s expressed occupational desires, wishes, needs and goals; and
- practice that is evidence-based.

The primary goal of occupational therapy is to enable people to participate in their activities of everyday life. Occupational therapists achieve this outcome by enabling people to do things that will enhance their ability to participate or by modifying the environment to better support participation.

Occupational therapists have a broad education that equips them with skills and knowledge to work collaboratively with individuals or groups of people who have an impairment of body structure or function due to a health condition, and who experience barriers to participation.

Occupational therapists believe that participation can be supported or restricted by physical, social, attitudinal and legislative environments. Therefore, occupational therapy practice may be directed to changing aspects of the environment to enhance participation.’

World Federation of Occupational Therapists
Course structure
The Master in Occupational Therapy Practice (MOTPrac) is a full-time course over two years from July to June (mid-year intake). The course is offered over 4 terms per year.
It will operate over 72 weeks and include 1000 hours of fieldwork education commensurate with World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) Minimum Standards for the Education of Occupational Therapists (2002).
The course is an integrated curriculum centred on Scenario-Based Learning.

Admission process
Course prerequisites
To be eligible for the Master of Occupational Therapy Practice (MOTPrac), students must have successful completion of a Bachelor degree. Applicants must have obtained a GPA of 4.5 or at least 65% credit average in their most recently completed University Undergraduate Degree. Students must also have completed either:
- A minimum of at least one six-credit-point unit of study in human anatomy/physiology or a related area from any recognised tertiary institution or
- Study BMA1901 Human Structure and Function as a single unit enrolment at Monash
- Complete a Human Biology short course via distance education at Monash or equivalent. See med.monash.edu.au/nursing/professional-development/humanbiology.html
Further information regarding this course can be found at Find a course. See the Handbook entry for the course structure and description.
Applicants who are already registered Occupational Therapists in Australia or overseas are not eligible to be considered for this course.

International students
The Master of Occupational Therapy Practice is available to international students. (CRICOS code: 079265M).
The Monash University International Call Centre address for international course enquiries is study@monash.edu.au.
For more information, please check the Undergraduate/Postgraduate Course Guide for International Students or visit: monash.edu/study/international
This guide contains important information regarding Australian Government requirements and conditions for study in Australia, living costs, course fees, health insurance, working while you study, work rights for your husband or wife and schooling for your children.
Your application for a student visa will be assessed according to the visa criteria applicable to your assessment level. Your assessment level is determined by the passport you hold and the education sector for which you are seeking a student visa. www.immi.gov.au/students

International applications and requirements
International students must undertake this program on campus on a full-time basis to be eligible to apply for an Australian student visa.
International student applicants must have a minimum IELTS test score of 6.5 in all individual band scores of Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. A minimum IELTS test score of 7.0 is required for Speaking.

University-wide admissions application procedure
monash.edu.au/admissions

Occupational therapy domestic admissions application procedure
study.monash

Occupational therapy international admissions application procedure
study.monash

Fees
The Master of Occupational Therapy Practice is a full-time full-fee course. The costs vary every year. For further information, please see study.monash.
Unfortunately there are no Scholarships available through the Occupational Therapy Department, however there may be opportunities via Monash’s Scholarships branch (see monash.edu.au/study/scholarships).
As a full fee-paying student, you may be eligible to apply for the optional FEE-HELP to assist you to pay all or part of your tuition fees. Please see study.monash/fees-scholarships/loans-and-assistance for further details.

Health requirements and police checks
Students will be required to comply with the Faculty Immunisation and Infection Risk Policy, recommendations and procedures, to enable them to proceed through the course with an acceptably low-level of risk and meet health service requirements.
It is recommended that all students accept responsibility for having up-to-date immunisations before commencing the course. Recommended immunisations include diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B.
Prospective students are provided with detailed written information and, as appropriate, counselling about the effect that HIV or hepatitis B infection may have on the ability of healthcare workers to practice their profession.
Monash University is required to inform placement organisations of the immunisation status of all students. If a student does not satisfy the placement organisation’s immunisation requirements, it may refuse to accept the student for a placement.
A student who is unable to complete all compulsory placements cannot meet the requirements for successful completion of the Masters of Occupational Therapy.
A satisfactory Police Check and Working With Children Check is required for each student. A current police check must be completed at the beginning of each year of the course.

Fieldwork
Participation in fieldwork education is integral to learning and is a requirement of the program in all years. Students may be required to complete one of their fieldwork placements in a regional location. Students will be required to meet the costs of fieldwork, including:
- standard First Aid course
- routine immunisation
- state and National police criminal record checks
- travel and accommodation costs
- Working With Children Check.
Additional information

Prospective students are advised that there may be additional costs associated with the course for textbooks and course support material, first aid course, uniforms for clinical attachments, travel, accommodation, living costs associated with rural fieldwork placements, a Police Check and precautionary procedures (such as immunisations) that are required prior to commencing the course.

Further information

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