

# BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (HONOURS)

## WORK WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

Are you passionate about promoting good health and wellbeing? Want to empower people and build stronger communities? Studying occupational therapy is your first step to a rewarding, global career.

With a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours), you'll learn how to support people of all ages to participate in everyday activities, and gain the knowledge, skills and practical experience needed as a qualified occupational therapist.

Our course focuses on scenarios to assist you in learning about the assessment and intervention processes used by occupational therapists. You'll put your skills into practice with placements from second year onwards, where you'll learn alongside experienced occupational therapists in a range of areas.

### In the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) you will:

- Take part in scenario-based learning, where you'll use problem solving strategies in occupational therapy case studies.
- Gain hands-on experience with placements in clinical, community and school settings, across metropolitan and rural locations.
- Learn alongside other health students, preparing you to work collaboratively in interprofessional environments.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### YEARS 1 & 2

You'll build a foundation in occupational and health studies, exploring occupational science, anatomy, physiology and psychology.

Start to develop your competencies for practice as an occupational therapist.

Complete some placement and community-based experiences.

### YEARS 3 & 4

Extend on your knowledge of occupational therapy practice and apply your skills in advanced practice.

Prepare to transition from occupational therapy student to occupational therapist.

Complete either an honours research thesis or a participatory community project.

Complete three major placements.

Find out more about what you'll study, visit [monash.edu/study/course/m3001](https://monash.edu/study/course/m3001)

### Course code

M3001

CRICOS code: 082509C

### Study mode

On-campus (Peninsula)

### Intakes

**First semester:** February

### Durations

**Full time:** 4 years



*"Occupational therapists empower people to look beyond their conditions and build confidence in their abilities. I chose to study occupational therapy at Monash because of the comprehensive course content, placement experience and opportunity to manage a community project, as well as the relaxed campus environment and supportive academic staff."*

**Suhashi Wickramasinghe**

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy  
(Honours) graduate (2019)



## WHAT DO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS DO?

Occupational therapists work with people who have challenges participating in everyday life. This could be for a number of reasons – such as illness, injury, developmental issues, disability or ageing

Occupational therapists are innovators, advocates and problem-solvers. They work with individuals, groups and communities, with people of all ages and walks of life.

## PLACEMENTS

During your degree you'll gain at least 1000 hours of practical experience working with individuals, groups and communities within a range of settings. You may even complete a placement with a rural health service. If you complete a Participatory Community Project (PCP), you'll work with a community agency to develop and plan a project that addresses health and wellbeing through occupational engagement.

## RESEARCH PATHWAY

If you're a high achiever with a curious mind, you may have the opportunity to complete a research project as part of your degree. Working with a host organisation and mentored by an academic supervisor, you'll design a proposal to solve a problem and then implement your project in the workplace.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our course is accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council of Australia and is recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists, so you'll graduate as a qualified occupational therapist, ready to work anywhere in the world.

Occupational therapy offers a diverse range of career options. Occupational therapists work in many settings including: hospitals, rehabilitation centres, private practice, community health centres, social services, schools, government agencies, aged care, employment, housing and disability support services.



*"The clinical placement I did in Tasmania was a life-changing experience. I worked in a unique paediatric feeding clinic, as well as in the acute ward, conducting initial assessments on a variety of clients. It was extremely satisfying knowing what you've learned during semester could be applied in a real-life setting."*

**Joshua Patti**  
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) graduate (2019)

### LEARN MORE

For further information about the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours), including entry requirements, fees and scholarships, visit [monash.edu/study/course/m3001](https://monash.edu/study/course/m3001) or contact:

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