

# Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)



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# Why JCU?

## **A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER**

- Access to high quality, clinically experienced teachers
  - Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
    - Benefit from small class sizes
    - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
  - Discover great accommodation options

## **PERSON-FOCUSED ETHOS**

JCU students gain skills and knowledge to work with people in identifying meaningful activities, understanding and using personal strengths and overcoming barriers in order to lead fulfilling lives.

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY**

JCU graduates are prepared for work in a variety of practice settings, both in Australia and overseas. Ranked #1 in Queensland for full-time employment outcomes\*, a JCU Occupational Therapy qualification can be used to apply for professional registration in many countries.

## **JOIN SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

You will access expertise and connect with JCU's leading lecturers. Learn from experts with extensive experience in health science, health promotion and occupational therapy professional practice.

## **SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS**

Explore JCU's range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals. JCU Occupational Therapy is rated five stars for skills development and student support\*.

\*2024 Good Universities Guide, UG Rehabilitation



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✔ An Occupational Therapy (Honours) degree from JCU provides a focus on providing service in rural and remote settings. You will be equipped with a broad range of opportunities in these areas. Learn theory, professional practice and clinical skills for a diverse range of clients and circumstances.

✔ Take part in over 1,000 hours of professional work placements to develop the experience necessary to excel in your career. Sharpen your skills at the JCU Health Occupational Therapy Clinic at JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas.

## COURSE DETAILS:

<b>Locations:</b>	Townsville
<b>Start Dates:</b>	February. July
<b>Duration:</b>	4 years full-time, part-time available
<b>ATAR:</b>	70
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	English (Units 3/4,C); One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Health, Psychology or Physical Education (Units 3/4,C)

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.

# Ready today for tomorrow

JCU Occupational Therapy (OT) students learn the skills and knowledge they need to apply contemporary therapeutic approaches to enable people to participate in the activities that are important to them. Occupational therapists play an important role in building more inclusive societies.

The Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) gives students a solid grounding in human anatomy, physiology, psycho-emotional and lifespan development, as well as an understanding of health promotion and health care, particularly in rural, remote, Indigenous and tropical contexts. JCU OT students work with people in identifying meaningful activities, understanding and using personal strengths and overcoming barriers in order to lead fulfilling lives.

A strong focus on experiential learning at JCU assists students to become client-centred and holistic health professionals. Students have the opportunity to observe and develop clinical skills at the JCU Health Occupational Therapy Clinic. Students complete over 1,000 hours of clinical placements in a range of healthcare settings.

Occupational therapists work in many different industry sectors and workplaces, both in and out of the health and hospital sector. They are experts at working with people of all ages to enhance personal life skills and to adjust the environment around them to participate as fully as possible in work, everyday life, interests and hobbies. Occupational therapists might work with children in schools, in workplace rehabilitation, mental health, aged care facilities, management of life with chronic illness or injury and many other settings.

Graduates are prepared for work in a variety of practice settings, both within Australia and overseas. An OT qualification can be used to apply for professional registration in many different countries.





*“Learning to become an occupational therapist has given me the chance to really make a difference in people’s lives, whether it’s enhancing childhood development, providing rehabilitation, promoting independence, or improving health and wellbeing. This would not have been possible without the support and guidance from the academic staff and JCU community who have inspired me to become the best occupational therapist I can be.”*

**Mackenzie Mete**  
BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (HONOURS)



*“Students undertaking JCU’s Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) are presented with the fantastic opportunity of developing specialist knowledge and skills across a wide range of practice fields. Our graduates will work to promote health and wellbeing among individuals and groups by enabling participation in the various roles and activities that give them purpose and meaning. I take great satisfaction in getting to know students as individuals and helping them to recognise, embrace and develop the unique strengths and qualities that they can draw on in delivering authentic, dynamic and informed therapy provision.”*

**Daniel Lowrie**

DEPUTY HEAD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

## Career Opportunities

JCU Occupational Therapy (Honours) graduates have meaningful and rewarding careers providing essential services in communities throughout Australia.

Graduates gain employment in public and private hospitals, rehabilitation units, community health centres, aged care facilities, mental health services, schools, independent living centres, and in private practice.

You may also find employment in industry, research, education, and training.

Upon graduation, you can register for practice in Australia through the [Occupational Therapists Board of Australia Health Professional Registration Agency \(AHPRA\)](#), and become a member of [Occupational Therapy Australia](#) — the Australian association of occupational therapists. Graduates may also register to practice in New Zealand and apply to practice internationally.





# JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Townsville is on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on-campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,300 students.

Living on-campus is a great way to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at [jcu.edu.au/accommodation](https://jcu.edu.au/accommodation)



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