



BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

> **What is CSU's Bachelor of Occupational Therapy?**

Offered as a four-year full-time degree, the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at Charles Sturt University (CSU) aims to develop an understanding of the theoretical and practical components of occupational therapy, with a focus on profession-specific knowledge, skills and attitudes.

Studied at CSU's Albury-Wodonga Campus, this degree prepares you for the profession by ensuring you develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills that underpin contemporary occupational therapy practice.

You may choose to exit the course following successful completion of the first two years of study with the Associate Degree in Health Science.

> **Career opportunities**

CSU's Bachelor of Occupational Therapy prepares you for work in a range of practice settings including hospitals, community health care, rehabilitation, aged care, mental health, health promotion, drug and alcohol, early childhood, schools, occupational rehabilitation and private practice.

Practicing in rural areas is addressed throughout the course, with the intention of encouraging the development of skills for those interested in working in rural practice.

> **Workplace learning**

You will complete approximately 1,000 hours of practice-based placements in a range of settings. You will have the opportunity to complete workplace learning in remote, rural, regional and metropolitan locations in different states and territories across Australia. During the final year of the course you can also apply for an overseas placement. Practice-based placements give you an opportunity to apply knowledge and develop practical skills.

Some reasons for studying Occupational Therapy at CSU:

Accreditation by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) gives you the opportunity to practise in Australia and overseas.

Improve the lives of people who experience barriers to participation in everyday activities.

Practical experience constitutes more than one quarter of the course.



It did not take long for me to realise that I had made the

RIGHT DECISION

in choosing to study at Charles Sturt University. The small class sizes mean that, unlike universities in the bigger cities, you get to know everyone. You also get great face-to-face time with all your lecturers, who are happy to help outside designated lecture / tutorial time slots. I graduated knowing I was thoroughly prepared to begin work in my chosen profession and start the next chapter of my life.

Pat Hower

Occupational Therapy graduate

About CSU

CSU is a national university focusing on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of learning and teaching. We work in close association with industry, professions and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs, resulting in high graduate employment levels and starting salaries. We attract more than 38,000 students from Australia and around the world and are well-known for our innovative approach to education, offering practical, hands-on courses, supported online to provide our students with accessible, world class education.

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What will I learn?

Studies in foundation sciences provide an understanding of human function. You will then apply this knowledge to a range of occupational therapy situations using a problem-solving approach. Subjects are grouped according to six key learning areas:

- human occupation and performance
- occupational therapy theory and practice
- research and evaluation
- social and cultural perspectives of occupation
- communication and professional responsibilities
- biological and behavioural sciences.

Professional reasoning and assessment processes guide you in developing strategies to enable the people you will work with to do the things they want to do, where and how they want to do them.

You will benefit from our dedicated and enthusiastic occupational therapy staff members, the small class sizes, and close links CSU has with practitioners, services and the community.

Your course is recognised by industry

CSU's Bachelor of Occupational Therapy is fully accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council (Australia and New Zealand) Ltd on behalf of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. The course is also accredited by Occupational Therapy Australia Ltd on behalf of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).

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