

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

University courses - Victoria

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INTRODUCTION

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching occupational therapy courses in Victoria. Please use entry requirements and indicative ATARs listed in this document as a guide only and check university websites for updates.



Indicative ATAR

The lowest selection rank (ATAR plus adjustment factors such as academic and equity adjustments) for the 2021 January intake. Please use indicative ATARs as a guide as they may change for future intakes.



English prerequisite

EAL = English as an Additional Language. 'Any other English' includes English, English Language and Literature.



Undergraduate

This is usually your first course at university. For example - bachelor's degree.



Graduate

This is study you do once you have graduated from a bachelor's degree. For example - Graduate Diploma.

Disclaimer

Information has been taken from university websites and VTAC.

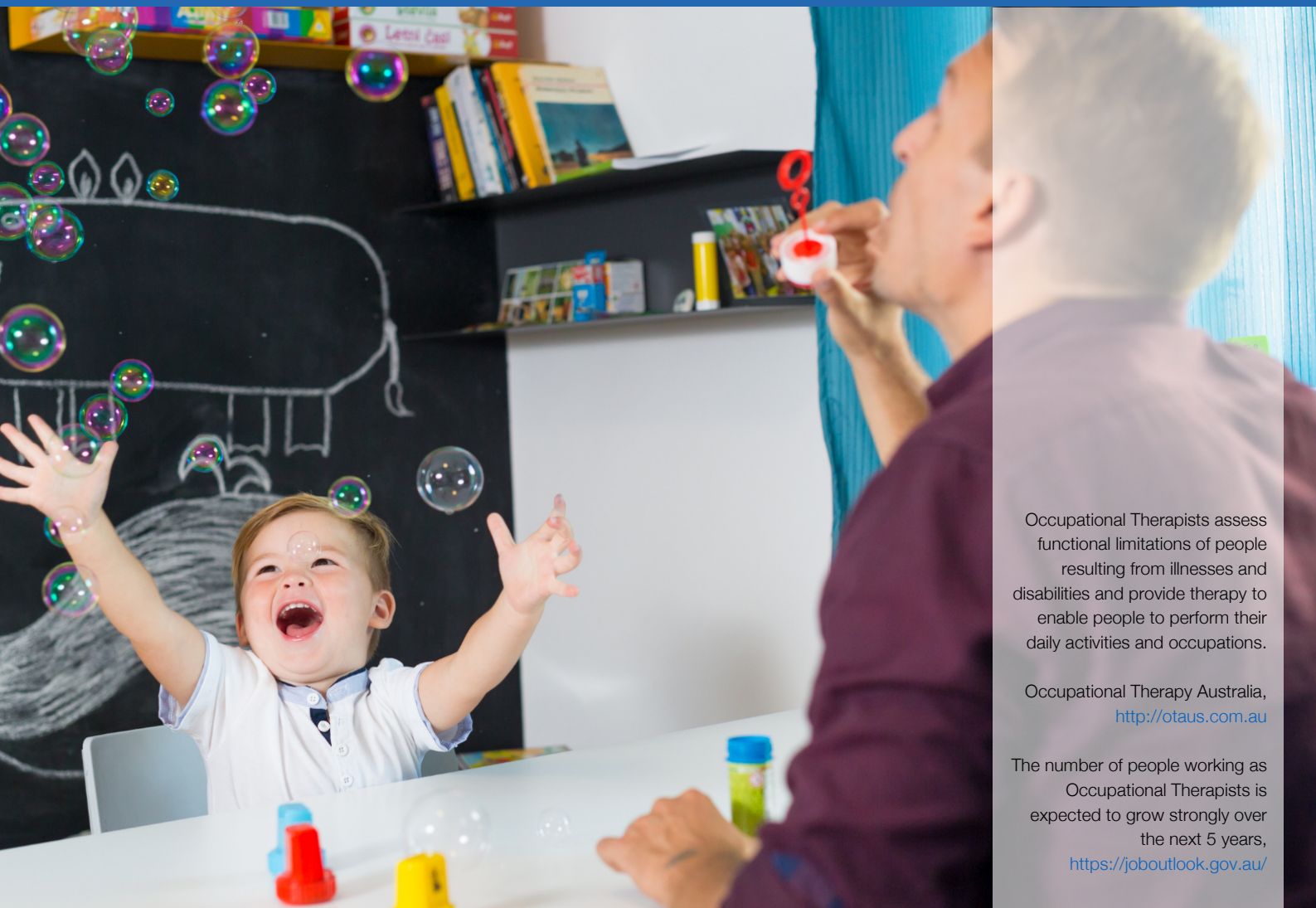
Universities featured in this guide reserve the right to change course information, admissions and entry requirements at any time and without notice.

For up-to-date information, check the university websites when assessing course information.

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COURSE SUMMARY

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Deakin University	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	Geelong Waterfront	71.85
Federation University	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	Gippsland - Churchill	48.95
Australian Catholic University	Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Pass & Honours)	Melbourne	78.80
Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	Albury-Wodonga	70
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	Melbourne	76.75
		Bendigo	76.05
Swinburne University	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	Hawthorn	Graduate entry



Occupational Therapists assess functional limitations of people resulting from illnesses and disabilities and provide therapy to enable people to perform their daily activities and occupations.

Occupational Therapy Australia,
<http://otaus.com.au>

The number of people working as Occupational Therapists is expected to grow strongly over the next 5 years,
<https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

www.deakin.edu.au

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapists work collaboratively with people who might have limitations, including those caused by injury, health conditions, delayed development or the effects of ageing.

Occupational therapy (OT) interventions are designed to enhance participation in everyday life and may include activities or assistive devices, or modification of home or work environments to facilitate active engagement in work, home, social and leisure activities.

This course draws upon Deakin's core strengths in health education to ensure

you receive a relevant, practical OT education that meets contemporary workforce needs.

You will also benefit from our on-campus clinical skills laboratory which simulates real life settings and enables you to gain the knowledge required to meet the needs of your future clients.

Our purpose-built OT lab will give you access to hands-on facilities with a range of assistive technologies and rehabilitation areas in which to practice.

In your third year, you'll have the opportunity to apply and undertake a placement overseas. Selected students can gain international experience in either India or Denmark.

Clinical experience

Throughout the course, you will get a chance to consolidate your skills through a series of supervised placements which commence in year 1.

You will complete 1000 hours of practical work experience in a diverse range of OT practices including: childhood development (including schools and hospitals); acute and rehabilitation hospital settings; community health settings; aged care and more.

Professional Accreditation

Accredited by the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia and Occupational Therapy Australia Ltd on behalf of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Geelong Waterfront	71.85

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

<https://federation.edu.au>

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)

Our program focuses on contemporary occupational therapy practice and is based on real-life scenarios and cases.

It takes four years full-time to complete and covers a variety of topics. Some subjects are delivered with other health professional students so you will have an interprofessional experience.

Occupational therapists are employed in public and private hospitals, medical

rehabilitation centres, community health centres, home care services, aged care facilities, psychiatric clinics, hostels and hospitals, vocational rehabilitation centres, schools and educational facilities, independent living/respite centres and private practice.

Occupational therapists work with people across the lifespan, in injury prevention and management and with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Clinical experience

Take part in over 1000 hours of professional work placements to develop the experience necessary to excel in your career.

Professional accreditation

Subject to accreditation by Australian Occupational Therapy Council (OTC).

Other

When applying, applicants will be required to fill out a supplementary application form, <https://bit.ly/2J630bk>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Guaranteed ATAR
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	Minimum study score of 25 in any English; Unit 1-2: satisfactory completion of two units of mathematics (any combination); Unit 3-4: satisfactory completion of at least one of the following – Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education, or Physics.	Gippsland - Churchill	70

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

www.acu.edu.au

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Pass and Honours)

Occupational therapists play an important role in the lives of individuals and communities to help them look after themselves, be productive, and participate in leisure activities.

To do this, occupational therapists need to know how humans' function, and need the skills to practice competently and safely.

You will learn how to analyse and assess occupational performance; apply and evaluate interventions to enable occupational performance; and collaborate and communicate effectively with clients and their families and colleagues.

High achieving Bachelor of Occupational Therapy students can undertake honours in the third and fourth years, provided they meet admission requirements.

Clinical experience

You will undertake 1000 hours of professional practice education, starting in the first year, working with people across the life-span to help them overcome physical, cognitive or societal barriers to participation.

Professional accreditation

This course is accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council and World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Admission programs

Includes information on the ACU Guarantee, <https://bit.ly/39y07e6>



Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Pass and Honours)	Minimum study score of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and 25 in at least one of Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.	Melbourne	78.00

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

www.csu.edu.au

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

If you are looking to build a career that will enhance people's health and wellbeing, the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy will develop and inspire your passion to rise to challenges and make a difference to people's lives.

Occupational therapists work with people to improve their health and wellbeing through occupation, with a focus on physical and mental health that may be related to a person's injury or illness, or to an accident or developmental impairment.

Studying at Charles Sturt will equip you to become a well-rounded and capable occupational therapist, enabling you to make a real difference to people, their families and communities.

You can be confident that what you are learning is highly relevant to practice and the 1000 hours of practical experience is excellent preparation for work as an occupational therapist.

Taught at the Albury Campus, you will benefit from small class sizes, enthusiastic educators and Charles Sturt's close ties with practitioners, health and social services, and the community.

Industry recognition

Accredited by the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia and Occupational Therapy Australia Ltd.

Admission pathways

Includes information on the following admission programs:

- Charles Sturt Advantage
- Schools Recommendation Schemes
- Diploma of General Studies
- Charles Sturt University Pathway

<https://bit.ly/2UoUIAb>

Course	Recommended study	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	Biology	Albury-Wodonga	70

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

www.latrobe.edu.au

Undergraduate program

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)

Make a real difference to people's quality of life. Occupational Therapy Practice at La Trobe prepares you for a rewarding and diverse career in health.

You'll graduate ready to improve the quality of life for people with short and long-term injuries, chronic illness, disability and mental health issues.

Our graduates work in a range of contexts including hospitals, rehabilitation centres, community health services, mental health agencies, health services for older people and children with special needs.

Other roles adopted by occupational therapy graduates relate to occupational rehabilitation, government/policy, private practice or case/care coordination.

Key features

Hone your professional practice with 1,000 hours of placement in hospitals, community agencies, schools and rehabilitation centres.

Gain practical experience in Australia's leading hospitals, including The Alfred, The Royal Melbourne, The Austin, The Northern and Bendigo Health.

Graduate with the skills to adapt to changing workplace practices, particularly the disability sector and emerging areas of practice.

Enjoy overseas placement opportunities in India, Vietnam, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canada, the US and the UK.

The Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) is currently seeking accreditation with Occupational Therapy Council of Australia (OTC).

Admission pathways

Includes information on the following programs – Aspire, and the Regional Benefits Program. Visit <https://bit.ly/2UPULoZ>

Graduate program

Master of Occupational Therapy Practice

This 18-month course is for students who already have a Bachelor degree.

The Master of Occupational Therapy is accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council (Australia and New Zealand).

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	Minimum study score of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne Bendigo	76.75 76.05
Master of Occupational Therapy Practice	Detailed information on selection criteria, https://bit.ly/2y060n1	Melbourne Bendigo	N/A - Graduate entry

Swinburne offers an Occupational Therapy degree at the graduate level. Applicants will need to complete a Bachelor degree first.

Suggested pathway courses at Swinburne include the Bachelor of Health Science and the Bachelor of Health Science (Professional).

Master of Occupational Therapy

The Master of Occupational Therapy provides students with skills and knowledge in treating clients who have difficulty participating in everyday life activities due to neurological, musculoskeletal or mental health issues.

Students undertake problem-based learning which requires them to collaboratively question, research, interpret core information and develop meaningful responses to case scenarios.

Clinical experience

Students will undertake 1000 hours of professional practice training including 800 hours of work placements and at least 240 hours of other professional practice activities in other units.

Students complete three professional work placements in community- or hospital-focused agencies that offer short-and long-term therapy, as well as an innovative project-based placement in the Design Factory Melbourne.

Career outcomes

Occupational therapists assist people who have difficulty participating in everyday life. Everyday life activities include participation in the paid work force, leisure activities, and/or self-care activities.

Occupational therapists work in hospital, rehabilitation, residential care, mental health, community health, forensic mental health, school, paediatric and occupational rehabilitation settings.

Professional recognition

The program is approved by the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia and accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council (Australia & New Zealand) Ltd.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Guaranteed ATAR
Master of Occupational Therapy	Detailed information on selection criteria, https://bit.ly/3bxsABW	Hawthorn	N/A - Grad entry
Bachelor of Health Science	Minimum study score of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Hawthorn	60
Bachelor of Health Science (Professional)	Minimum study score of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Hawthorn	80

