



# Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Information for 2020 Entry  
International Applicants

*James Cook University's Bachelor of Physiotherapy course is a 4 year undergraduate degree and is primarily for school leavers (i.e. applicants who have completed year 12 or equivalent in the last two years). A limited number of places may be available for non-school leavers.*

## Overview

This program aims to produce graduates of the highest academic standards, who will have the skills, knowledge and aptitude to become competent physiotherapists.

This degree is fully accredited with the Australian Physiotherapy Council (APC).

## Submissions

Please read the information below before applying for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy course at James Cook University.

The Application Form and International Undergraduate Application Form for selection into the James Cook University course of Bachelor of Physiotherapy are to be returned to:

### Admissions

**Student Centre, Building 134  
James Cook University Douglas Campus  
Townsville QLD 4811 Australia**

Applications can be submitted via a JCU Agent or directly via email to [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au) on or prior to the closing date.

The application closing date is 30 September 2019. Applications received after this date will NOT be accepted.

## Important Dates

**28 February 2019** Application opening date for JCU Application Form. Applications will be accepted for 2019 entry from this date.

**30 September 2019** Closing date for JCU Application Form and International Undergraduate Application form. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

**30 September 2019, 4pm (AEST)** Prediction of Academic Achievement (PAA) sheet to be received by Admissions.

**14 February 2020** Compulsory International Student Orientation

**17 February 2020** JCU Orientation week begins

**24 February 2020** JCU Academic Year begins

## Summary of selection process

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance in Year 12 studies or in subsequent tertiary studies as provided through QTAC
- Evaluation of the written component of the application form

In 2020, the College of Healthcare Sciences has available approximately 10 places in the first year of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree for International Applicants..

### Successful applicants for a place in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree

Offers of a place in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree are made by Admissions. Applicants are advised to check with an Australian Embassy or High Commission regarding the length of time required to obtain a student visa from their country.

### Unsuccessful applicants

An applicant who has been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the James Cook University Bachelor of Physiotherapy, but who is strongly motivated towards a career in the physiotherapy field, might consider undertaking a Bachelor degree in one of the other health science degrees offered at JCU.

Unsuccessful applicants considering undertaking studies in a health science degree with a view to eventual acceptance into the Physiotherapy degree should be aware that the number of places available for non-school leaver entry into the James Cook University Bachelor of Physiotherapy is very limited.

## English language requirements

Unless your education was undertaken in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, UK or USA you will be required to meet the following English Proficiency requirement (Tests must be less than 2 years old at time of admission).

**English Language Test Minimum Scores IELTS (academic module)** with a minimum overall score of 7 (no component lower than 6.5),

**OR PTE Academic** with a minimum overall score of 65 (no component less than 58),

**OR TOEFL (internet based)** with a minimum total score of 94 and no component less than 23,

In the final year of enrolment, students may be required, at their own cost, to complete an English Language test for the purposes of registration.

More information regarding registration can be found on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website: [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au)

## Pre-requisite subjects

For entry into James Cook University's Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree, applicants must have successfully completed four semesters at Year 12 level and achieved an exit level of at least Sound Achievement in English, Mathematics B plus one of Chemistry, Biological Science, Physics, Physical Education or Health Education or interstate or overseas equivalent.

If you are unsure of the Australian pre-requisite requirement please contact Admissions via email: [internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au](mailto:internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au)

## Inherent Requirements and Reasonable Adjustments

Inherent requirements are the fundamental abilities, attributes, skills and behaviors needed to successfully complete the course. Find your course requirements under **Inherent Requirements**.

## Professional Experience Placement

Professional experience placement is a formal component of this course and prepares you for registration and/or accreditation as a professional in your field. Visit [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#) for more information.

## Vaccinations

Students must provide evidence of being immune to hepatitis B and that they have been vaccinated or evidence that they are not susceptible for the vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR); Varicella and Pertussis.

Professional experience placement is a requirement of this course and students may be engaged in roles where there is contact that would allow transmission of a VPD. Students are required to comply with the above requirement prior to commencing their first Professional Experience Placement or by the end of the first teaching period of their studies (or whichever is sooner), otherwise their enrolment will be terminated.

The College of Healthcare Sciences recommends additional vaccinations and students will receive information regarding these vaccinations at the commencement of their first year. Information on the pre-placement requirements for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy can be found at [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#).

This course may have specific admission requirements such as immunisation, the

requirement to obtain a Suitability to work with Children Card, federal police check and/or other requirements that Students must comply with. Students must complete all Professional Experience Placement requirements by the prescribed deadlines and maintain currency of all requirements in order to stay admitted to the course.

## Working with children

Queensland law contains provisions designed to ensure that persons who are to work with children and young people are first assessed on their known past police and disciplinary information. The **Working with Children Check** is a screening process that assesses your suitability to work with children and young people. A person whose application is approved will be issued with a Blue Card.

The requirements for completion of the James Cook University physiotherapy degree include conditions under which students participate in clinical placements. As a student will undertake one or more placements which involve coming into contact with young people, initial enrolment and continuing enrolment in the physiotherapy degree are conditional upon the following:

- I. Eligibility of the student for a Blue Card at the time of first enrolment;
- II. Maintenance of that eligibility throughout the duration of the degree; and
- III. Actual acquisition of a Blue Card prior to commencement of placement.

In the event that a student becomes ineligible for a Blue Card, at any time between the date of first enrolment and the date of completion of the degree, the student's enrolment in the degree may be terminated. Therefore, persons who have reason to believe that they might have difficulty in obtaining a Blue Card should clarify their position in that regard before deciding to apply for enrolment in the physiotherapy degree. A person who will or may not be able to obtain a Blue Card should not make application for enrolment in the degree.

## Contact details

### Admissions

Phone: 1800 246 446 (freecall)

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[www.jcu.edu.au/international](http://www.jcu.edu.au/international)

### James Cook University Handbook

<https://www.jcu.edu.au/course-and-subject-handbook>

### James Cook University Accommodation

[www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation)

