

Occupational Therapy Career Snapshot



Graduate Opportunities

Occupational therapy graduates, unsurprisingly, typically work as occupational therapists, but can be employed across a wide range of settings including:

- Public and Private Hospitals
- Acute and Community Rehab Units
- Aged Care Facilities
- Mental Health Services
- Schools and Education Settings
- Independent Living Centres
- Private Practice/General Practices

Look at: [What Can I Do With an Occupational Therapy Degree?](#)

Registration

All Occupational Therapists working in Australia are required to be registered to practice. This registration process is the legislative responsibility of the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and is operated through the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA).

The [AHPRA website](#) contains a directory of all registered occupational therapists in Australia. The JCU Occupational Therapy course is accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council (Australia and New Zealand) Ltd

Career Relevant Experiences

To gain a competitive edge, students may seek to **undertake additional paid or unpaid internships or work experience** during their studies. A growing number of internships and other workplace experiences are now offered virtually.

For Occupational Therapy jobs check out these job boards:

- [Occupational Therapy Australia Jobs](#)
- [Health Workforce Queensland](#)

Professional Associations

Professional Associations and peak bodies represent different professions and industries and assist with maintaining professionalism through accreditation, professional development opportunities, networking, advocacy and representation to government and other sectors.

Join [Occupational Therapy Australia](#) for access to newsletters, advertised jobs, conferences networking events, etc. Undergraduate students join for free.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to form **professional networks, develop work skills** and **stand out from the crowd**. Students are recommended to consider:

- Volunteering for opportunities presented through their degree
- Becoming a [JCU Student Mentor](#)
- Becoming involved in [JCU Student Societies](#)

Recommended Skills

Written Communication; Analytical & Critical Skills;
Gathering & Interpreting Data; Presentation Skills;
Time management; Statistical and

Graduate Career Portals

Check out these sites for graduate programmes, graduate jobs, internships and placements:

- [Smart Jobs](#)
- [Prosple](#)
- [SEEK Grad](#)

JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [CareerHub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)