

Physiotherapy Career Snapshot



Graduate Opportunities

Physiotherapy graduates typically work as physiotherapists across a range of settings including **hospitals, private practices, aged care services, community health centres, sports and rehabilitation clinics and schools**. Other roles where a physio degree would prove useful include:

- Sports Therapist
- Personal Trainer
- Higher Education Lecturer
- Chiropractor
- Osteopath
- Animal Physiotherapist
- Exercise Physiologist
- Prosthetist/Orthotist

Look at: [What Can I Do With My Physiotherapy Degree?](#)

Further Study Options

An **Honours year** is available to high-achieving Physiotherapy students. It is **usually essential for entry into Higher Degrees by Research**.

Refer to the [Bachelor of Physiotherapy \(Honours\)](#) Handbook for eligibility information.

Registration/Professional Bodies

All Physiotherapists working in Australia are required to be registered with the [Physiotherapy Board of Australia](#) (via [Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency AHPRA](#)) to practice, and the JCU Physiotherapy course is accredited with AHPRA and you will be eligible and required to apply for registration upon or before your graduation.

Also consider joining professional associations for networking opportunities, professional development, mentoring and more:

- [Australian Physiotherapy Association](#)
- [Australian Physiotherapy Council](#)

Job Applications

Hospital graduate physiotherapy job adverts (e.g. [QHealth](#)) are typically open on [SmartJobs](#) around July/August with start dates around Jan/Feb the following year. If you intend to apply, make sure you prepare your resume, AHPRA and (at least) 2 referees.

The main hiring period for private clinics is between October and February.

Volunteering

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

- Looking on [Volunteering North Queensland](#)
- Becoming a [JCU Student Mentor](#)
- Becoming involved in a [JCU Student Society](#)

Recommended Skills

Written and Verbal Communication; Empathy and Compassion; **Time & Workload Management;** Problem Solving; **Decision Making;** Teamworking; **Capacity to Reflect and Enhance Practice**

Graduate Career Portals

Check out these sites for general 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 \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)