Continence and Women’s Health Physiotherapy Masters Courses – FAQ

How many years of clinical experience are required before I can commence the Master of Clinical Physiotherapy?

A minimum of two years clinical experience as a physiotherapist is required prior to undertaking postgraduate studies. Some experience in the field of Continence and Women’s Health is also a requirement of entry into both the Masters and Graduate Certificate courses. This may include courses attended, work experience and observation hours. Level of experience will be assessed at time of application.

Can I study the Master of Clinical Physiotherapy as a part-time student?

If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident you can complete the course full-time in one year or part-time in two or three years. International students studying in Australia on a student visa can only study full-time.

However, international physiotherapists may have the option of part-time study as the flexible delivery of learning in the CWH Major of the Graduate Certificate and Master of Clinical Physiotherapy courses enable students to come into Perth on a visitor’s visa for face-to-face teaching blocks (See C&W Flyer with current dates for teaching blocks). These students should make enquiries re their eligibility to enrol as a part-time off-shore international student through the Health Sciences FSSO (futurestudents@health.curtin.edu.au) and the International Students Office (http://international.curtin.edu.au/).

“Class” time (face-to-face sessions completed in teaching blocks or weekends and online lectures and tutorials) is equivalent to 4 hours a week per 25-credit unit over a 12 week semester and students are expected to allocate another 6-8 hours a week to study (preparation for and review of “class” material, practice of practical skills, participation in online discussion, and preparation of presentations, assignments, and case studies) for each CWH unit.

Where can I find information on the units that I need to complete and what they entail?

Information regarding the course structure is available from the Curtin University course handbook:

Continenence and Women’s Health:
http://handbook.curtin.edu.au/courses/31/319016

How do I apply for credit for recognised learning (CRL)?

CRL will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For those students coming from Melbourne University CRL is available for Pelvic Floor Muscle Rehabilitation PHTY6007 unit where there is equivalence in the syllabi and learning outcomes of units in the Curtin and Melbourne Continence and Women’s Health Physiotherapy courses.
If you request recognition you will need to submit the following documentation about the courses or units you have previously studied:

- Completed application for CRL
- Certified copies of academic transcripts for the completed units
- Copies of the unit outlines including unit learning outcomes/objectives for the unit(s) for which credit is being sought (unless the units were completed as part of Curtin’s Master of Clinical Physiotherapy)

CRL forms can be accessed via the following link:

Curtin student documents and forms

I am an Australian citizen or permanent resident, what help can I get towards my fees?

All Australian residents are classified as domestic full fee paying students (Fees at Curtin). However, all course fees are fully tax-deductible and FEE-HELP is still available.

Tuition patterns

Graduate Certificate
Full-time and part-time enrolment options

- Successful completion of course work units required to complete each Grad Cert course = total of 100 credit points (CP’s)
- Each 25-credit point unit is equivalent to approximately 50 contact hours across 12 weeks of teaching (not including independent and self-directed study)
- Each 12.5 credit point unit is approximately equivalent to 30 contact hours across 12 weeks of teaching (again not including independent and self-directed study)

One semester full-time OR part-time over one or more years

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There is some flexibility in the Graduate Certificate course if students are studying part time with Advanced Physiotherapy Clinics 1 (12.5 CP) and Physiotherapy Project Proposal (12.5 CP) being able to be substituted for Human Continence (25 CP).

Please note: Units listed under Semester 1 are only available in Semester 1, and those listed in Semester 2, only available in Semester 2.

**Masters Course**

Full-time and part-time enrolment options

- Successful completion of course work units required to complete each Masters course = total of 200 credit points (CP’s)
- Each 25-credit point unit is equivalent to approximately 50 contact hours across 12 weeks of teaching (not including independent and self-directed study)
- Each 12.5 credit point unit is approximately equivalent to 30 contact hours across 12 weeks of teaching (again not including independent and self-directed study)

**One year full-time OR part time options over one or more years**

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**Pre-requisite and concurrent pre-requisite units**

- Women Through Life Stages and Pelvic Floor Muscle Rehabilitation are prerequisites / concurrent requisites for Advanced Physiotherapy Clinics 1
- Physiotherapy Project Proposal is a prerequisite/requisite for Physiotherapy Project
- Advanced Physiotherapy Clinics 1 is a pre-requisite for Advanced Physiotherapy Clinics 2
- Human Continence is a prerequisite/concurrent requisite for Advanced Physiotherapy Clinics 2
- Advanced Evidence Based Physiotherapy is a pre-requisite for Physiotherapy Project Proposal

It is strongly recommended that you study part-time given the time commitment required for this post graduate course. One or 2 units per semester would be considered an optimal course study load particularly if working or have childcare commitments.

Cross-Institutional Enrolment

You can enrol in units within the Curtin CWH Clinical Physiotherapy program provided you have completed any pre/co-requisite units or units with curricula and learning outcomes sufficiently equivalent (meet CRL requirements) to any pre/co-requisites. Visit the Cross Institutional Enrolment webpage [http://students.curtin.edu.au/administration/enrolment/cross_institutional.cfm](http://students.curtin.edu.au/administration/enrolment/cross_institutional.cfm) and contact the Director of Professional Postgraduate Physiotherapy courses – Evan Coopes (E.Coopes@curtin.edu.au) and the Curtin Cross-Institutional Enrolment officer to discuss an inbound CI enrolment.