For almost 50 years Curtin has taught occupational therapy to local and international students. Our internationally accredited graduate entry master program means our graduates can work with individuals and communities across Australia and the globe.

**FACILITIES**

Our learning and research facilities have been specifically designed to enhance the study experience of the next generation of Curtin occupational therapy students. These include an impressive AUD$9 million two-storey building featuring innovative technology that will enable you to practice client- and family-centred care learning scenarios in realistic, team-based settings. The building’s state-of-the-art equipment also gives researchers the tools needed to produce research outcomes that make a difference to the community. Take a virtual tour: curtin.edu/ot-saur-facilities

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"I completed a human life sciences degree in South Africa, majoring in physiology and psychology, but I wanted to have some kind of specialisation to help forward my career. I chose Curtin for my postgraduate study as it is renowned for providing practical degrees and its health sciences faculty is internationally recognised.

Through this course I gained work as a mentor for two Curtin students with autism. Studying occupational therapy helps with my mentoring as it allows me to put the theories I have learned in class into application."

Fiona Brooke
Master of Occupational Therapy

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Ranked in the top one per cent of universities worldwide in the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2017.

#3 in the Asia Pacific in the Nature Index 2016 Rising Stars supplement.

An international university, with campuses in Dubai, Malaysia, Singapore and Western Australia.

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**WHY STUDY A POSTGRADUATE DEGREE AT CURTIN?**

**ACCESS NEW KNOWLEDGE AND DISCOVERIES**

A Curtin health sciences degree can give you access to the latest knowledge and discoveries to help you improve the standard of healthcare in Australia and make a real difference to people’s lives, locally and globally.

**MOVE UP THE CAREER LADDER**

A postgraduate course can add new or specialist skills and knowledge to your repertoire. Our postgraduate coursework and research programs are diverse, ranging from life sciences and clinical sciences to population health sciences.

**CHANGE YOUR CAREER**

A postgraduate graduate entry master degree can give you the right skills to change careers.

**GET AN EDGE IN THE JOB MARKET**

A postgraduate qualification may also help you stand out from other candidates in an increasingly competitive job market.

**PROFESSIONALLY RECOGNISED**

Many of our courses are accredited nationally and are internationally recognised, allowing you to potentially work in a number of countries around the world when you graduate.

**GRADUATE ENTRY FOUNDATION COURSE**

This course is for students who want to start a career in health, but have a degree in a different field. The enabling course allows domestic students who have completed their undergraduate degree in a different field to complete the essential prerequisite undergraduate-level units for application to our graduate entry master courses. You may select prerequisite units that you need to become eligible to apply for a postgraduate program. You can study a maximum of four units.

Completion of this enabling course may allow entry to:

- Master of Occupational Therapy
- Master of Nursing Practice
- Master of Pharmacy
- Master of Physiotherapy
- Master of Speech Pathology

Please note: entry to these master courses is competitive and a strong course weighted average is required.

For more information, visit courses.curtin.edu.au

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**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT**

Occupational therapists assess the functional limitations of people with illness or disability. They provide therapy to help people perform their daily activities and occupations. Employment for this occupation has consistently risen very strongly over the past ten years. Looking forward, employment for occupational therapists to November 2020 is expected to grow very strongly.

In 2017, there were 18,755 registered occupational therapists across Australia. More than 95 per cent of occupational therapists are female, and 62.1 per cent of occupational therapists work full time.

Average weekly hours for full-time workers are 33.6 (compared to 40 for all occupations in Australia). The average age of those in the profession is 35 years (compared to 40 years for all occupations in Australia).

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**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

For further information: occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au

For job outlook information: joboutlook.gov.au

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**International students**

International students studying in Australia on a student visa can only study full-time and are also subject to specific entry requirements that must be met. As some information contained in this publication may be subject to conditions and restrictions, all students and potential students are strongly advised to check with Curtin University international staff about entry requirements and student visa conditions for enrolment.

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This graduate entry master course offers you a fast-track option to becoming an occupational therapist.

In this course you will develop knowledge of four broad areas:

• Medical, psychiatric, orthopaedic and neurological conditions that affect the health and wellbeing of individuals.
• The theory and practice of occupational therapy including the study of occupation and analysis of the physical, psychological and social requirements of a variety of skills and activities.
• Human development covering normal growth and development within the life cycle along with problems such as learning disabilities and the effects of ageing.
• Occupational health and management, including prevention, education and rehabilitation programs for a variety of workplaces.

Please note: Essential learning strategies demand that all students have the ability to disaire appropriately, have the ability to participate fully and are willing to act as patients/clients for their peer group and as mock patients for other students.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

This course requires a higher level of English language proficiency: IELTS (Academic) overall band of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each band (or equivalent English test).

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

This course is recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. Graduates using the title of occupational therapist must be registered with the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia. Graduates may also apply for registration in most countries, although some countries may require you to sit a licensing examination.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

• Occupational Therapy Australia
• Occupational Therapy Australia (WA)
• World Federation of Occupational Therapists

**COURSE ESSENTIALS**

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**LOCATION**

Perth

**STUDY MODE**

Full-time, Part-time

International students: if you are studying in Australia on a student visa, you must study on-campus and full-time.

Some lectures in this course may be attended by both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

This course has an earlier application deadline: curtin.edu/application-deadlines

**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

A bachelor degree or equivalent, preferably in a health related discipline with a course weighted average of 65 per cent. However, as selection is competitive, this cut-off may be higher.

Evidence of studies in the human biosciences (e.g. human biology) and psychology or behavioural science is required. If you do not have this background you may be required to undertake additional bridging units. Please refer to the information on the Health Sciences Graduate Entry Foundation course on the previous page.

You will also be required to provide supplementary information with your application. For more information, visit curtin.edu/hs-admission-requirements

**IMPROVING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY**

Every week, 11 Australian babies are born with cerebral palsy, and there is no known cure. Cerebral palsy is a physical disorder caused by a combination of events that can occur during, before or after birth and lead to an injury in the baby’s developing brain.

While there is no known cure, two positive aspects of cerebral palsy are known: the brain injury is non-degenerative and early intervention can improve the long-term outcomes of children.

Professor Catherine Elliott, Chair of Allied Health at Curtin, is a researcher in the area of neurological impairment. Her expertise in interventions for babies and children with cerebral palsy is contributing to an international step-change in its diagnosis and treatment.

Professor Elliott is one of 10 Chief Investigators on the Australasian Cerebral Palsy Clinical Trials Network – a five-year national Centre of Research Excellence project. Two of the project’s key aims are to develop tools for earlier detection of cerebral palsy, and fast-track children to clinical trials of new neuroprotectants.

“Timely intervention can deliver better lifelong health outcomes for those born with cerebral palsy, but these have often been delayed due to the lack of early diagnostic,” explains Professor Elliott.

“Neuroplasticity is the key. If we diagnose early, we can apply interventions that exploit the young brain’s immense plasticity.”
FEE INFORMATION

DOMESTIC STUDENTS

TUITION FEES
Your tuition fee is calculated and charged on a semester basis. Indicative course fees for the 2018 commencement year are available at courses.curtin.edu.au. Indicative course fees for the 2019 commencement year will be available from September 2018.

For more information on individual unit (subject) fees, visit fees.curtin.edu.au/course_fees.cfm

STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE
Your Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) supports a range of non-academic services and amenities at Curtin. For information on the cost and services covered by the SSAF, visit fees.curtin.edu.au/amenities.cfm

EMPLOYER-PAID STUDY
Your employer may be able to help you with the cost of postgraduate study. Many employers have developed formal employee education assistance policies in which education costs may be shared.

FEE-HELP
If you are an Australian citizen or hold a permanent humanitarian visa, you have the option of applying for FEE-HELP – a loan to help pay for part or all of your tuition fees. For more information, visit fees.curtin.edu.au/feeHELP.cfm

TAX BENEFITS
You may be entitled to an income tax deduction for tuition fees and related expenses, if there is a direct connection between your course and your current work. For more information, please consult the Australian Tax Office at ato.gov.au

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

TUITION FEES
Tuition fees are based on a normal full-time workload of 100 credits per semester (200 credits per year) unless otherwise stated. If you study more than 100 credits per semester, you will have a higher annual tuition fee. The tuition fee is calculated in Australian dollars and is charged on a semester basis. Course and individual unit (subject) fees are listed at fees.curtin.edu.au/course_fees.cfm

Please note: all listed fees are subject to annual increases.

OFFER LETTER (100 CREDITS) FEE
As an international student, you need to pay the fees for your first study period (one semester or 100 credits) before arriving in Australia in order to receive a confirmation of enrolment. The fee quoted on the international offer letter is only an approximation and may differ slightly in accordance with the units you choose to study upon your enrolment.

INDICATIVE ESSENTIAL INCIDENTAL FEES
Some courses require compulsory additional payment for retainable materials and course-related fees, known as essential incidental fees. Some individual units may have optional fees for course materials and other course-related items.

REFUND AGREEMENT
The categories under which the University Fees Centre will assess an application for refund are laid out in the University’s International Student Refund Agreement. The agreement is supplied to you with your Letter of Offer and can also be accessed online at fees.curtin.edu.au/refunds.cfm, where you can also view the most up-to-date information as the policy is subject to change.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
Curtin requires all students to demonstrate proficiency in English. You will meet the English language proficiency requirements by demonstrated completion of at least one year full-time of an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree at recognised universities in Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America.

Alternatively, you can demonstrate your English language proficiency via other tests, such as the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

For further information on the postgraduate English language proficiency requirements, visit curtin.edu/pg-english

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
Health sciences students who will be working with children aged from newborn to 17 need to have a Working With Children Check. Your course coordinator will advise you when this is required. Courses that include supervised practice in a clinical setting require screening for and vaccination against a range of infectious diseases before beginning placement. A recognised first aid certificate and a criminal record screening are also necessary.

curtin.edu/hs-fieldwork-requirements

SCHOLARSHIPS
You may be able to apply for a scholarship to support your study. To find out more and sign up to the scholarships email alert, visit scholarships.curtin.edu.au

HOW TO APPLY AND SCHOLARSHIPS

COURSEWORK DEGREES
To make applying to Curtin as easy as possible, we have put together online guides and services to help you.

DOMESTIC STUDENTS
You are a domestic student if you are:
• an Australian citizen or Australian dual citizen
• a permanent resident of Australia
• a holder of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa
• a New Zealand citizen.
To apply now or for more information, visit curtin.edu/pg-apply

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
You are an international student if you are required to hold a student visa to study in Australia. This includes temporary residents, and non-residents of Australia and New Zealand.
To apply now and for more information, visit curtin.edu/int-apply

RESEARCH STUDENTS
To find a thesis supervisor and for information on how to apply for both domestic and international students, visit howtoapply.curtin.edu.au/research

Alternatively, you can contact our Graduate Research School for more information:
Tel: +61 8 9266 3337
Email: GRS.FutureStudents@curtin.edu.au
Web: curtin.edu/postgrad-research

SCHOLARSHIPS
You may be able to apply for a scholarship to support your study. To find out more and sign up to the scholarships email alert, visit scholarships.curtin.edu.au