Curtin is a vibrant, young university where ideas and cultures combine to create a place of enthusiasm, endeavour and achievement.

When you choose Curtin, you are choosing an innovative, global university with extensive industry connections and campuses in Western Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai and Mauritius.

You’ll learn in technology-rich environments and feel inspired by our high-impact research spanning many areas including astronomy and planetary science, emerging technologies, economics, health, minerals, energy and sustainability.

THE SCHOOL OF PHYSIOTHERAPY AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

The School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science has produced outstanding graduates and research for more than 60 years. We offer excellent facilities and dedicated staff, attracting high-calibre students from all over the world.

Our graduates can be found working in rewarding careers as physiotherapists and exercise scientists within Australia and internationally.

STUDYING AT POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

A postgraduate degree at Curtin can change your life. It will give you additional knowledge to advance your career, specialise in a particular area or take your career in a promising new direction.

Postgraduate options

Curtin offers postgraduate coursework and research qualifications. A graduate certificate is six months’ full-time study; a graduate diploma is one year of full-time study, and a master degree is one-to-three years’ full-time study.

A research degree involves independent, original research and completion of a thesis, and may involve up to four years of full-time study.

Gain industry experience

Experiential learning is highly valued by employers. You will benefit from Curtin’s strong links to business and industry, working on real projects and research initiatives, undertaking internships and attending events and networking opportunities.

Convenient and flexible study

Course flexibility enables you to combine your current work commitments with study. Many courses allow domestic students to study full-time, part-time or online.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

You could be eligible to apply for a Curtin scholarship or other support such as FEE-HELP, employer-funded study or income tax deductions.

PERFORMANCE

Located on the beautiful west coast of Australia, Perth is multicultural, prosperous and safe – an ideal destination for students and tourists alike.

AFFORDABLE LIVING

Perth has lower living costs than Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide*. Transport

The metropolitan area is served with an extensive road network and easy-to-use public transport.

SHOPPING AND CULTURE

Perth is home to Elizabeth Quay, Forrest Place, Murray Street Mall and numerous galleries. Close to Perth, the port city of Fremantle is a great place to learn about WA history.

FOOD AND DRINK

Cafés and restaurants offer a variety of global cuisine. You can try the best of WA produce at Yagan Square, and find wineries, cheese shops and chocolate factories in the Swan Valley, WA’s oldest wine region.

EXPERIENCE PERTH

Perth hosts numerous domestic and international sports competitions, music concerts and festivals throughout the year.

NATURE AND WILDLIFE

There are many magnificent parks and gardens in and around Perth. Kings Park, which is larger than New York’s Central Park, showcases more than 3,000 species of WA’s unique flora. Caversham Wildlife Park has many Australian animals, including kangaroos you can handfeed.

AQUATIC AND COASTAL

Perth’s coast features breath-taking beaches and scenery. Don’t forget to visit Rottnest Island – a famous holiday destination near Perth that is home to the friendly quokka.

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PLANNING YOUR NEXT CAREER MOVE

Changes in the marketplace mean your career could take unexpected turns. Curtin Associate Professor Julia Richardson suggests ways to develop your career strategy based around your motivation, your skills and competencies, and your personal and professional networks.

curtin.edu/3-things

The Perth campus is located just six kilometres from the city centre. Through our 20-year master plan, we’re transforming the campus into a contemporary cultural precinct that brings together higher education, business, technology, the arts and recreation.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

We offer more than 1,000 places to stay at our Perth campus. You’ll enjoy comfortable and tidy single or shared accommodation, free wi-fi, parking and an off-peak gym membership at Curtin Stadium.

Rooms are fully furnished and there are plenty of recreation facilities and support services, plus you’re in easy walking distance of your classes, the library, shopping centre, gym and public transport.

curtin.edu/housing

WELLBEING SERVICES

There is a range of confidential wellbeing services if you ever need help or advice, or you’re unsure where to find the support you need.

You can also consult a doctor, physiotherapist and other health professionals at our campus-based medical centre and health and wellness clinics.

curtin.edu/personalsupport

CHILDCARE AND SCHOOLING

The Curtin University Early Childhood Centre is a popular on-campus childcare facility for children under the age of five. We strongly recommend you apply for a place for your child as early as possible.

curtin.edu/earlychildhoodcentre

Subsidised schooling

If you’re an international student and have school-aged children, your children may be eligible to access government schooling at the same subsidised fee levels that apply to local students.

curtin.edu/familyfriendly

SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Curtin provides a range of safety resources including swipe-card building access, 24/7 security patrols, well-lit pathways, after-hours security escort, a campus courtesy bus, emergency telephone stations and the SafeZone security app.

curtin.edu/safety
GET THE CURTIN EDGE

FACILITIES

Our modern laboratories and facilities will help you to develop a comprehensive understanding of how the human body functions. These purpose-built spaces are used for teaching, research and evaluation, and consultation with workers, athletes and teams.

Motion Analysis Laboratory
The Motion Analysis Laboratory is designed to capture, measure and assess motion and muscle activation during high-speed movement. Equipment includes an 18-camera, high-speed optical motion capture system, force platforms and wireless electromyography.

Strength and conditioning rehabilitation laboratory
This complete suite of exercise equipment enables patients to undergo physiotherapy and rehabilitation. It includes a Cybex functional training machine, the first of its kind in Western Australia, and free-standing weights and weight machines.

Exercise physiology laboratory
Our exercise physiology lab enables you to monitor the health and fitness levels of individuals. It includes:
- electronic treadmills
- two 20-metre walking/running tracks
- wireless timing facilities
- ECG machines to record heart activity
- an expired gas analysis system
- bikes and rowing machines with ergometers.

careers.curtin.edu.au
Additional requirements
You will be required to provide supplementary information with your application. For more information, visit curtin.edu/hs-admission-requirements.
You will also need to complete an approved first aid qualification, a swimming qualification (Bronze medal or Aquatic Rescue Award as per Australian Royal Life-saving awards or equivalent), undertake a criminal record screening and Working with Children Check prior to enrolling in semester 1 units. For more information on screenings, see page 10.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION
This course is seeking accreditation by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION
Graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia. Registration in New Zealand is available under the terms of the Trans-Tasman agreement. Graduates applying for registration in New Zealand are required to provide details of their program of studies to the relevant bodies and sit a licensing examination.

THE FUTURE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY
Healthcare is changing rapidly, and physiotherapy is no exception. Technology will continue to help improve patient recovery and health through the collection of biometric data and the blending of virtual reality and robotics into rehabilitation. Physiotherapists will not only help people recover from injury and manage pain, but will play a greater role in injury prevention to help people maintain physical and mental wellness.

INDUSTRIES
- Public and private healthcare
- Professional sport
- Aged care
- Community health
- Disability
- Education and research

DOCTOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY
COURSE ESSENTIALS
CRICOS CODE 010021T
DURATION 3 years full-time
STUDY MODE Full-time
INTAKE July
LOCATION Perth

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

ADMISSION CRITERIA
- A bachelor degree or higher qualification in physiotherapy or equivalent, plus at least two years of relevant clinical experience
- Registration as a physiotherapist with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia, or eligibility for limited registration for postgraduate training in Australia
- Evidence of completion of an approved first aid qualification
- Meet Curtin’s English language proficiency requirements
You will also be required to provide supplementary information with your application. For more information, visit curtin.edu/hs-admission-requirements.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION
Graduates are eligible to apply for registered practitioner status through the Australian Physiotherapy Association and through international parent bodies, including the International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists, and the International Federation of Sports Physical Therapy.

Enhance your physiotherapy career. This course ensures you develop an in-depth knowledge of evidence-based practice, superior practical skills and clinical reasoning, preparing you to practise physiotherapy at an advanced level.

Within your chosen discipline, you will study clinical management, examining the theories and techniques of physiotherapy practice. You will also study models of service delivery, current developments in physiotherapy care, promotion of health and prevention of disease and dysfunction.

Clinical practice is a significant component of this course. During your placement you will detail a variety of case histories and evaluate each as a reflective practitioner.

It is possible to exit the course with a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Physiotherapy once you have completed certain units.

Participation is obligatory in laboratory classes which require appropriate disrobing when acting as clients in the peer group, and physically manipulating patients including lifting and supporting people with disabilities.

THE FUTURE OF CLINICAL PHYSIOTHERAPY
With an ageing population and increases in disability associated with chronic pain and movement, the need for specialist physiotherapists with expert skills in the prevention, diagnosis and management of neuromusculoskeletal disorders has never been greater. This need is only predicted to increase.

For more information visit curtin.edu/hs-application-deadlines.

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MASTER OF CLINICAL EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

This course expands your knowledge in the field of clinical exercise physiology across a range of target pathologies and population groups. You will be provided with advanced theoretical knowledge, contemporary clinical experience and research opportunities for the development of high-quality improvement programs for exercise rehabilitation in a clinical setting.

Practical learning is a key component of this course and you will gain clinical experience in a variety of clinical and community settings. Participation is mandatory in laboratory and community settings.

Aged care
Community health
Hospitals
Private practice

Additional requirements
You need to complete an approved first aid qualification and undergo health assessments prior to any external placements or fieldwork. For more information, see page 10.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The course has Qualifying Accreditation with Exercise and Sports Science Australia.

NEW PATHWAYS INTO HIGHER EDUCATION

The following overarching research degrees encompass many specialist subjects:

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Master of Philosophy
- Master of Research

Find a supervisor at research.curtin.edu.au

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

RESEARCH DEGREES

Our research degrees enable you to conduct independent, original research under the supervision of a senior academic. You will be supported through Curtin’s facilities and industry partnerships, helping you turn your discoveries into real-world outcomes.

The following overarching research degrees encompass many specialist subjects:

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Master of Philosophy
- Master of Research

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SCREENING AND REGISTRATION

Before applying for a health sciences course, you should be aware that some additional screening may be required.

CRIMINAL RECORD SCREENING

Many of our health sciences courses require you to undertake external placements, clinical practice or fieldwork involving contact with the public. External agencies, such as government departments, non-government agencies and hospitals may require you to obtain a criminal record screening prior to undertaking any external placement, practicum or fieldwork. Please note that external agencies can vary their requirements without notice and may not always advise Curtin of these changes.

A criminal record screening may not necessarily preclude you from participating in any of the above. However, serious crimes of a violent or sexual nature, where the victim was under 18 years of age or elderly, for dealing or trafficking drugs; involving fraud; or any offence that resulted in a jail sentence, may render a person unsuitable to clients.

For specific details relating to these requirements, visit curtin.edu/healthscreening.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

The Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 aims to protect children from harm by introducing a high standard of compulsory national criminal record checking for people working with children in Western Australia.

As a health sciences student, you may be required to work with children between the ages of zero and 17 as part of your practicum. In such cases, you will need to have a Working with Children Check. Your course coordinator will advise you when you need to obtain this check.

Full details about obtaining the relevant criminal record screening will be provided upon your enrolment or as part of your Curtin offer.

curtin.edu/healthscreening

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEES

SCHOLARSHIPS

You may be eligible for a scholarship to support your study. Sign up to the scholarships email alert to make sure you don’t miss an opportunity.

scholarships.curtin.edu.au

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Postgraduate study is an investment in your future. If you are concerned that you cannot afford postgraduate study, there are several options for financial assistance you can explore.

Employer-paid study

If you are an Australian citizen or a New Zealand Special Category Visa holder or a permanent humanitarian visa, you may be eligible for the Australian Government’s FEE-HELP loan for all or part of your tuition fees.

curtin.edu/fee-help

Tax benefits

If there is a direct connection between your postgraduate course and your current employment, you may be entitled to an income tax deduction for tuition fees and expenses.

tax.gov.au
APPLYING TO CURTIN

STUDY OPTIONS
Curtin offers flexible study options to help you manage work and family commitments. You can study full-time, part-time or online*, subject to availability.

To study full-time, you must enrol in three or four units per semester (75 or 100 credits), while part-time study involves as few as one or two units (25 or 50 credits) per semester.

If you study online, you will complete the same coursework and assessments as students who study on campus.

*International students studying in Australia on a student visa must study full-time and on campus.

APPLYING AS A DOMESTIC STUDENT
You are a domestic applicant if:
• you are an Australian citizen, Australian dual citizen or New Zealand citizen, or
• you are a permanent resident of Australia, or
• you hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa.

curtin.edu/pg-apply

APPLYING AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
You are an international applicant if:
• you are not a citizen of Australia and New Zealand, or
• you are not a permanent resident of Australia, or
• you are required to hold a student visa to study in Australia.

curtin.edu/int-apply

PREVIOUS LEARNING
You may have undertaken previous study or work experience that matches the knowledge required for some of your Curtin course units.

If so, we encourage you to also apply for credit for recognised learning (CRL), which exempts you from having to study certain course units. Getting CRL means you could finish your degree sooner.

curtin.edu/pg-crl

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
The admission criteria of all Curtin postgraduate courses include English language proficiency. Some courses have specific and higher English requirements than others.

curtin.edu/english-proficiency

Curtin English
Completing a program at our Curtin English language centre will help you meet the English language proficiency. If you receive an offer to study at Curtin but don’t meet the English requirement, you may qualify for a free 10-week program.

english.curtin.edu.au

Course content
Note that some course units are common to undergraduate and postgraduate courses and classes may therefore include undergraduate and postgraduate attendees.

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