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Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy Practice

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY

Duration:	One Year (Full-Time) Five Years (Part-Time)
Location:	Delivered from our Dunedin campus via blended learning (please see delivery information below)
Options:	Full-time
Start:	February and July
Fee*:	International (approx): \$22,000 (Year One)
Application:	December 16 and June 12

This programme provides an opportunity for occupational therapists to undertake further specialised education. You can choose to complete just one course, or more, depending on your goals. The programme consists of six one-semester courses. If you complete three one-semester courses you can exit earlier with a Postgraduate Certificate in Occupational Therapy Practice. Students enrolling in the programme can choose to move to the Master of Occupational programme at any point as they progress through the courses. Their path of study will be discussed with the Masters Coordinator to ensure that they have completed the required and recommended core courses for the subsequent programme.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Diploma or Bachelor of Occupational Therapy from a World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) approved programme or equivalent, evidence of employment as an occupational therapist and evidence of commitment to further education.

Applicants must meet all stated entry requirements, plus demonstrate English language skills equivalent to an IELTS overall band score (academic) of 7.5 (with no individual score less than 7.0).

DELIVERY:

This programme is delivered via blended learning - this means your studies will consist of both face-to-face learning in the classroom, and online learning.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION:

Applicants must supply certified copies of proof of identity, academic records, proof of residency (where appropriate) and curriculum vitae.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING:

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) according to the Otago Polytechnic RPL policy. RPL will be given for this qualification to a maximum of 60 credits or three courses as approved by the Postgraduate Diploma Coordinator and ratified by the Postgraduate Forum. Therapists who have completed postgraduate certificates can also apply for RPL.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Applicants will apply for their selected course(s)/programme using the Otago Polytechnic enrolment form. Each application is assessed against the entry requirements. Should the number of applicants who meet the entry requirements exceed the available places, date order wait-listing will occur.

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

As this programme is offered using extensive use of online resources, students must budget for internet access as well as for printing of readings/course materials.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

The Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy Practice consists of six courses. PD401001 Clinical Reasoning is compulsory, and then students must select at least one from either PD402001 Qualitative Research in Practice or PD403001 Quantitative Research in Practice. Compulsory courses are offered every year, with electives changing from year to year. All courses are at Level 8 of the National Qualifications Framework. Students will be advised as to which elective courses they can take.

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FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

Master of Occupational Therapy.

YOUR WORKLOAD:

Each course is worth 20 credits, or approximately 200 hours for the average student. A student completing one course a semester should allocate approximately 12.5 hours per week for attendance at fortnightly teleconferences, online discussions, reading, as well as research for their assessments.

QUALIFICATIONS STRUCTURE:

The table below outlines the choice of courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy Practice.

SMS Code	Course Title	Level	OP Credits
	Compulsory		
PG401001	Clinical Reasoning	8	20
	And at Least One of the Following Courses		
PG402001	Qualitative Research in Practice	8	20
PG403001	Quantitative Research in Practice	8	20
	Total of Compulsory Courses		40
	Electives		
PG408001	Negotiated Study	8	20
PG409001	Culturally Appropriate Occupational Therapy Practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand	8	20
PG411001	Inclusive Design	8	20
PG413001	Future Practice with Older People in the 21st Century	8	20
PG416001	Cognitive Approaches for Children with Disabilities	8	20
PG418001	Wheelchairs and Seating	8	20
PG421001	Supervision for the Helping Professions	8	20
PG423001	Language by Hand: Handwriting Practices for Children and Young People	8	20
PG424001	Occupational Therapy, Motivation and Behavioural Change	8	20
PG426001	Occupational Therapy in Primary and Population Health	8	20
PG429001	Using Sensory Processing Principles with Diverse Populations	8	20
PG422001	Client Education	8	20
	Total Elective Courses		80
	PROGRAMME TOTALS		120

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