University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

BOT (10138003)

Department	Occupational Therapy
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	520
NQF level	08

Programme information

Students who registered for BOccTher degree programme prior to 2015 will complete the degree according to the relevant regulations as published in the 2014 Yearbook. A revised curriculum as reflected below is being phased in for the programme. The revised first year of study will be followed for the first time in 2015, the second year of study in 2016, the third year of study in 2017 and the fourth year in 2018.

The programme extends over four academic years, during which period a student receives clinical training as a student occupational therapist at an institution approved by the University.

Students must complete at least 1 000 hours' clinical practical work over the four years of study in order to register as an occupational therapist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

Students may complete the first three years over four years. In such cases, the choice of modules for the different years is done at the commencement of studies, in conjunction with the head of department.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; a candidate who is a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria; and a candidate who is currently studying at a university.
- Admission to Health Sciences programmes is subject to a selection process.
- Grade 11 final examination results will be used for the conditional selection of prospective students.
- For selection purposes, the sum of the results in six subjects, including English, Mathematics and Physical Sciences, is calculated.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the Admission Point Score (APS).
- **Candidates should note that their conditional admission will be revoked if their APS drops by more than two points in their final school examination results.**
- PLEASE NOTE that compliance with the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to any programme in this Faculty.
- Selection queries may be directed to click here
- A student who is made an offer but does not accept it cannot defer the offer and must reapply to be considered in the following year.

Transferring students (university experience)

- The applications of students who are studying towards a tertiary qualification or have obtained a tertiary qualification must meet the following requirements regarding school subjects and performance levels: They must be in possession of an NSC for degree studies/full exemption certificate and must have attained a performance level of 5 (or 50% HG if completed prior to 2009) for Mathematics and Physical Sciences (or Life Sciences, if required).
- If the subjects were not passed in Grade 12, the equivalent subjects (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) must be completed at the tertiary level. University students do not have to submit any non-academic performance record or CV. In their case selection is based on the results attained in the qualification(s) previously completed, ie they will be considered on the basis of their results achieved in higher education.
- The completion of only a three-year diploma or certificate is not considered as university experience, but will be considered in the school-leaver category and admission will be based on the applicant's Grade 12 results.

Qualifications from countries other than South Africa

- A limited number of places are made available to citizens from countries other than South Africa, with those from SADC countries being given preference. Permanent residents of RSA are not categorised as foreign students. Applications from citizens from countries other than South Africa may also be considered if they are:
  - citizens or permanent residents of countries which have relevant government to government agreements with South Africa
  - asylum seekers or refugees

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Minimum requirements Achievement level English Home Language or English First Additional Language		**Mathematics**		**Physical Sciences**		**APS**
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
4	D	4	D	4	D	**30**

* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. Students in the Cambridge system must offer both Physics AND Chemistry with performance at the level specified for NSC Physical Sciences in the table above.

* International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. Students in the IB system must offer both Physics AND Chemistry with performance at the level specified for NSC Physical Sciences in the table above.

Additional requirements

Also consult General Regulations.

Note: Each student in Occupational Therapy must apply immediately after admission to the first year of study, to the Registrar of the Health Professions Council of South Africa for registration as a student in Occupational Therapy.

Other programme-specific information

Important: The modules AIM 111 and AIM 122 Academic information management and ELH 121 and 122 Academic English for Health Sciences must be completed before registration for the fourth year of study.

Note:

i. Consult the Department of Physiology regarding possible prerequisites for the modules in question.
ii. Students who enrolled for the BOccTher degree programme prior to 2015, will complete the degree under the old curriculum.
iii. Students who fail a year in the existing curriculum will be managed on an individual basis in the Department of Occupational Therapy.
iv. The total credits and regulations for the old curriculum appear in the 2014 yearbook and are applicable for these students.

Examinations and pass requirements

Subminimum

In modules with a written as well as a practical and/or clinical examination, a subminimum of 40% is required in the written as well as the practical and/or clinical sections of the examination.

Examination after one semester

A final-year student who has failed one module but who has passed all other modules, may be admitted to a special examination in the module in question at the end of the first semester of the subsequent year, after satisfactory attendance at lectures and clinical work during the first semester.

- In accordance with the stipulations of the General Regulations, no minimum year or semester mark is needed for admission to the examination, and all registered students are admitted to the examination automatically.
- The final mark for a specific module in Nursing Science, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Occupational Therapy and Human Nutrition (at least 50% is required to pass) is calculated from the examination mark as well as the mark compiled from the evaluation of a student during continuous, objective and controlled assessment opportunities during the course of the quarter/semester/year. At least one formal assessment per module is set as the minimum norm, and students will be exposed on a continuous and regular basis to self-directed assignments in order to promote reflective learning.
- In the case of modules with practical components, students are required to also comply with the applicable attendance requirements with regard to acquiring practical skills before a pass mark can be obtained for the module.
- There are two main examination opportunities per annum, the first and second examination. In respect of first-semester modules, the first examination opportunity is in May/June and the second examination opportunity in July. In respect of second-semester modules, the first examination opportunity is in October/ November and the second examination opportunity in November/December of the same year. Where students need to work additional clinical hours to be allowed to do a second examination, the relevant head of department will determine the second examination opportunity.
- Only two examination opportunities per module are allowed. If a student fails a module at the second examination opportunity, the module must be repeated.
- A second examination opportunity in a module is granted to students in the following cases:

  - If a student obtains a final mark of less than 50% in the relevant module at the first examination opportunity and thus fails.

- If a student does not obtain the subminimum in the examination, as required for a specific module.
- If a student does not sit the examination in a module at the first examination opportunity due to illness or extraordinary circumstances.

- Students intending to sit the second examination due to the reasons mentioned above, must register for the second examination opportunity 24 hours after the results have been made public.
- If a student fails a module at the first examination opportunity, the examination mark obtained in the relevant module at the second examination opportunity will be calculated as the final mark. The marks obtained with continuous evaluation during the course of the quarter/semester/year will not be taken into calculation. If the student passes the module at the second examination opportunity, a maximum of 50% is awarded as a pass mark to the module in question.
- If a student could not sit the examination in a module at the first examination opportunity due to illness or extraordinary circumstances, the continuous evaluation mark, together with the examination mark obtained in the module in question at the second examination opportunity, will be calculated as the final mark obtained in the module.
- The School of Healthcare Sciences applies the General Regulations, according to which a student requiring a limited number of modules to complete his or her degree, may in terms of faculty regulations, be admitted to a special examination in the modules in question.

Promotion to next study year

Students in the first year of study who do not qualify for admission to the second year of study are automatically subjected to selection again.

- A student must pass in all the prescribed core modules of a specific year of study to be promoted to a subsequent year of study. A student can only be promoted to a subsequent year of study if the student has not failed more than two fundamental modules of seven weeks each per semester or one module of 14 weeks per semester. A non-negotiable prerequisite for admission to the final year of study is pass marks in all the core and fundamental modules of the preceding years of study. Refer to the programmes for fundamental modules in each discipline.
- A pass mark refers to a final mark of at least 50%.
- Modules with practical and clinical training credits cannot be passed unless all the prescribed clinical hours and practical activities have been completed to the satisfaction of the relevant head of department.
- The Chairperson of the examination moderating meeting may, after assessing the student's total profile, grant special approval to be promoted to the next year of study.
- The exception is the Department of Human Nutrition, where the regulations as applicable in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences regarding the modules presented by that Faculty, are relevant.
- Modules can only be taken in advance or repeated if it can be accommodated in the existing examination timetable.
- A student who must repeat a year of study may, with the approval of the Chairperson of the examination moderating meeting and the relevant head of department, be allowed to take fundamental modules of the subsequent year, if he/she complies with all the prerequisites for the relevant modules. No adjustment to existing timetables will be allowed.

The following fundamental modules are relevant:

- Department of Nursing Science: SLK 110, 120; FSG 251,252
- Department of Physiotherapy: SOH 254; FSG 251, 252, 261, 262; SLK 210, ANP 210; GMB 252, 253, 254; FAR

381, 382
- Department of Occupational Therapy: ZUL 110; SEP 110; SLK 210, 220; FSG 251, 252, 261, 262; ANP 210; RPD 481, GNK 286
- Department of Human Nutrition: BCM 251, 252, 261, 262; FAR 381, 382, VDS 322; VDB 321
- Department of Radiography: FSG 251, 252, 262; GNK 286; ANP 210.

Pass with distinction

The BOccTher degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained an average of at least 75% in the core modules in the final year of study.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 153

Choose between Sepedi SEP 119 and Zulu ZUL 119

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Introduction to anatomy 151 (ANA 151) - Credits: 6.00
Anatomy of the limbs 152 (ANA 152) - Credits: 6.00
Anatomy of the torso 161 (ANA 161) - Credits: 6.00
Anatomy of the head and neck 162 (ANA 162) - Credits: 6.00
Academic English for Health Sciences (BNurs, BDietetics, BOH, BOccTher, BRad and BPhysio) 121 (ELH 121) - Credits: 6.00
Academic English for Health Sciences122 (ELH 122) - Credits: 6.00
Physiology 161 (FSG 161) - Credits: 6.00
Physiology 162 (FSG 162) - Credits: 6.00
Basic emergency care 286 (GNK 286) - Credits: 5.00
Medical terminology 180 (MTL 180) - Credits: 12.00
Sepedi for beginners 110 (SEP 110) - Credits: 12.00
Psychology 110 (SLK 110) - Credits: 12.00
Psychology 120 (SLK 120) - Credits: 12.00
Academic orientation 110 (UPO 110) - Credits: 0.00
isiZulu for beginners 110 (ZUL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Core modules

Integrated healthcare leadership 120 (IHL 120) - Credits: 8.00
Occupational science 100 (OCX 100) - Credits: 14.00
Occupational therapy 100 (OTX 100) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

Physiology 251 (FSG 251) - Credits: 6.00
Physiology 252 (FSG 252) - Credits: 6.00
Physiology 261 (FSG 261) - Credits: 6.00
Physiology 262 (FSG 262) - Credits: 6.00
Psychology 210 (SLK 210) - Credits: 20.00

Core modules

Integrated healthcare leadership 210 (IHL 210) - Credits: 8.00
Occupational science 200 (OCX 200) - Credits: 18.00
Occupational therapy 211 (OTX 211) - Credits: 10.00
Occupational therapy 212 (OTX 212) - Credits: 16.00
Occupational therapy 221 (OTX 221) - Credits: 12.00
Occupational therapy 222 (OTX 222) - Credits: 12.00

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 129

Fundamental modules

Anatomical pathology 210 (ANP 210) - Credits: 10.00
Research methodology for healthcare sciences 300 (RHC 300) - Credits: 30.00

Core modules

Integrated healthcare leadership 310 (IHL 310) - Credits: 8.00
Occupational science 303 (OCX 303) - Credits: 19.00
Occupational science 311 (OCX 311) - Credits: 13.00
Occupational science 312 (OCX 312) - Credits: 16.00
Occupational therapy 311 (OTX 311) - Credits: 18.00
Occupational therapy 322 (OTX 322) - Credits: 15.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

Research in healthcare sciences 400 (RHC 400) - Credits: 10.00

Core modules

Occupational science 400 (AKU 400) - Credits: 40.00
Interprofessional health management 413 (IHL 413) - Credits: 5.00
Occupational science 400 (OCX 400) - Credits: 35.00
Occupational therapy 401 (OTX 401) - Credits: 35.00
Occupational therapy 402 (OTX 402) - Credits: 35.00

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