



Faculty of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT)

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Selection

- Forty-five (45) first-year students are selected annually. Only first-choice applicants are considered.
- Conditional selection is based on the final Grade 11 results of

the two categories (Open and Designated Group) as indicated under Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2023 in the faculty brochure, available at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Faculty brochures.

- Candidates must maintain their Grade 11 averages (in terms of which they were conditionally selected) in the final school examination and ensure that the APS does not drop by more than two points.

What does the programme entail?



The Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Pretoria embraces transformation and diversity and aims to be an outstanding internationally-respected department committed to excellence in research, social responsiveness and innovative teaching and learning. As a healthcare profession, occupational therapy promotes health and well-being. It is the art and science of facilitating participation through occupations.

Occupational therapists enable people of all ages with physical and mental impairment to lead meaningful and independent lives. Individuals with physical and mental health conditions and/or disabilities are treated to function independently/optimally in their occupations and specific contexts. People with loss of function due to disability and societal barriers are assisted by modifying their occupations or the environment to maintain their independence.

Structure of programme



Core modules

- Occupational therapy
- Occupational science

Postgraduate studies

Postgraduate study offers increased occupational therapy knowledge and skills in mental health; physical conditions such as hand therapy and adult and paediatric neurology; vocational rehabilitation; education in occupational therapy; and areas of occupational therapy such as play, leisure, education/school, Activities of Daily Living (ADL)/Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) and work.

Who is the ideal candidate?



The ideal candidate must have the following characteristics:

- Good communication skills
- Exceptional people skills
- Caring, empathetic and sensitive nature
- Able to encourage others to develop their potential
- Creative and show initiative
- Problem solver
- Intellectual and practical aptitudes
- Strong self-esteem
- Well-balanced lifestyle
- Emotionally stable
- Physical strength
- Strong self-control
- Good sense of humour
- Can work both in a team and independently
- Good writing skills



What makes this programme unique?

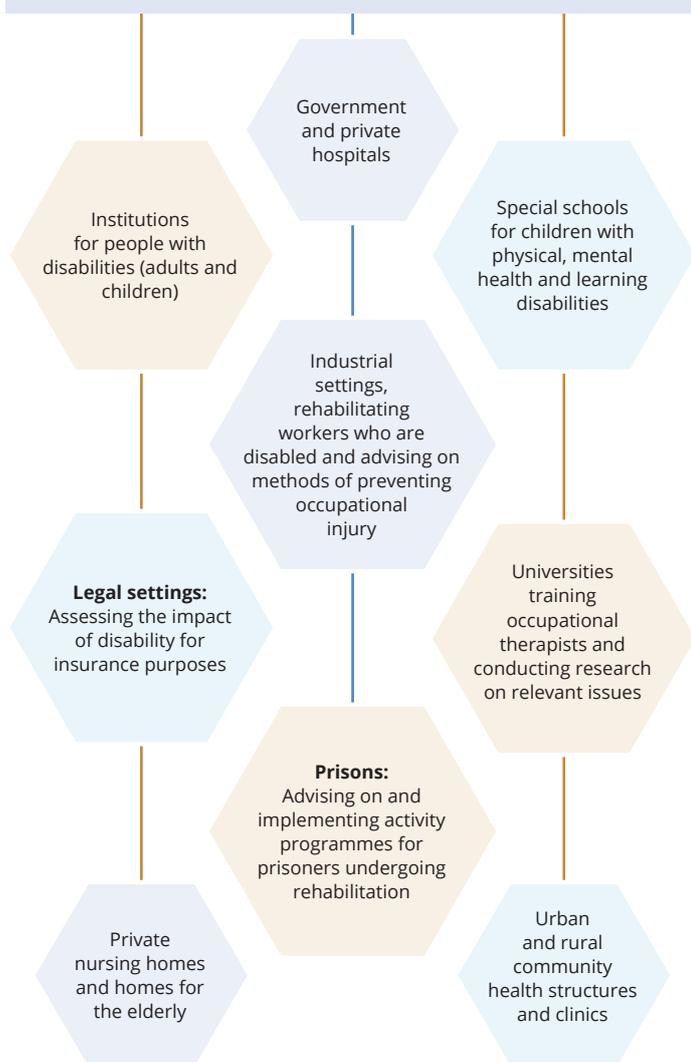


Occupational therapy is an exciting career that offers numerous opportunities. It requires an adaptable, intelligent and practical person with good problem-solving skills. A successful occupational therapist has good interpersonal skills and can approach diverse situations in a resourceful and creative manner.



Career opportunities

Occupational therapists can work in the following areas:



‘Occupational therapy is more than just a profession. It’s a lifestyle. It’s learning to see people for more than who they are on the outside and instead seeing them for who they have the potential to be.’

Michelle Botha – Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT)



‘The beauty of occupational therapy is that it can change one’s narrative of their life when they have written themselves off due to their physical and cognitive impairment. There is nothing more fulfilling than giving mortals hope again and restoring their quality of life. Occupational therapy is the

wave you do not want to miss if you have a passion for people. The seeds of making an indelible impact in people’s lives lie dormant within you.’

Thabang Rameetse – Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT)

Approximately 40 students graduate from this programme annually.

Contact Prof Kitty Uys

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Minimum admission requirements for NSC/IEB

| Programme | Minimum requirements for NSC and IEB for 2023 | | | |
|--|--|-------------|-------------------|-----|
| | Achievement level | | | APS |
| | English Home Language or English First Additional Language | Mathematics | Physical Sciences | |
| School of Healthcare Sciences | | | | |
| Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT) [4 years] Closing date: 30 June | 4 | 4 | 4 | 30 |

For advice on a second-choice programme, please consult a Student Advisor. To make an appointment, send an email to carol.bosch@up.ac.za.
Selection is based on a candidates’ final Grade 11 examination results.
Careers: Occupational therapists, academics and researchers

Minimum admission requirements for qualifications other than the NSC/IEB

For qualifications not indicated in the table below, refer to the conversion table in the brochure:

2023 Undergraduate programme information - Qualifications other than the National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission information

| Programme | Minimum requirements for 2023 | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Achievement level | | | | | | | | | |
| | Compulsory subjects | IGCSE/ LGCSE/ BGCSE/ SGCSE/ GCSE/ NSSC OL/ O Level = Gr 11* | AS Level | IB SL | IB HL | HIGCSE/ NSSC HL | KOMBI ABITUR | CGCE UCE/ NECO/ WAEC/ ZIMSEC O Level = Gr 11* | CGCE UACE/ WAEC/ ZIMSEC A Level | KCSE |
| Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT) Will only be considered as a first study choice | English | D | D | 2 | 2 | 3 | 50-59% | D | E | B |
| | Mathematics | D | D | 2 | 2 | 3 | 50-59% | D | E | B |
| | Physics | D | D | 2 | 2 | 3 | 50-59% | D | E | B |
| | Chemistry | D | D | 2 | 2 | 3 | 50-59% | D | E | B |

This level cannot be used for final admission alone. The compulsory subject requirements as indicated in the above table must be on A Level and/or AS Level for final admission before registration. Provisional selection is based on six IGCSE subjects. Final admission is based on two IGCSE and four A Level or AS Level subjects. The compulsory subjects as indicated in the above table, must be on A Level or AS Level.