



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Master of Philosophy (Physiotherapy)

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*School of Health Sciences*

***Are you ready to embark on a research degree in physiotherapy? A Master of Philosophy (Physiotherapy) at The University of Notre Dame Australia is a research degree that combines coursework in research training with writing a major research thesis. It is possible if you have other disciplines to undertake a Master of Philosophy in Physiotherapy, but additional coursework may be required to support the study process. Contact us today to discuss your options.***

## **Why study this degree?**

The Master of Philosophy (Physiotherapy) is a postgraduate research degree comprising both coursework and a substantial research component culminating in submitting a thesis or equivalent for independent

examination. You will be required to have a minimum of two supervisors who will provide support and academic guidance throughout the degree. Supervisors will help you to prepare their research proposal and continue to mentor and direct their work until the thesis is put forward for examination.

You can undertake the program in either a full-time or a part-time capacity. The standard time for completion (not including periods of approved leave of absence) will generally be one and a half years for a full-time student and three years for a part-time student. The minimum time for completion will generally be one year and is usually only applicable to students with prior research experience or qualifications.

## **Program summary**

The coursework component comprises four compulsory research training courses to be completed as a prerequisite to the student's individual research project. The coursework courses will provide opportunities for candidates to formulate substantial elements of their planned research (e.g. topic refinement, identification and justification of the preferred research method(s), preparation of a draft proposal) and to develop personal competencies in critical analysis and scholarly writing relevant to their profession.

The completion of the coursework is facilitated by a course delivery schedule which takes into consideration that candidates may be in full-time employment during their candidature. A Credit average must be achieved in the coursework as a prerequisite for proceeding to the research component. Within some Schools, a compulsory sequence of courses exists. The structure of the degree in these cases is as follows:

Coursework component (1/3 of degree; 0.5 year full-time study)

- Quantitative Research Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Scholarly Reading and Writing
- Developing a Research Proposal

Research component (2/3 of degree; one year full-time study)

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Requirements

([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/424/of-Philosophy.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/424/of-Philosophy.pdf)).

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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-health-sciences/fremantle/course-descriptions>) page.

## **Entry requirements**

The following criteria are required for a student to be admitted to the Master of Philosophy program:

- Possession of an undergraduate degree from a recognised university
- An equivalent academic background or extensive professional experience that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at Master's level.

An applicant may be required to demonstrate an ability to understand and communicate in both written and spoken English at a level adequate for the purpose of pursuing the program of study or as deemed by the Dean of School.

## **Learning outcomes**

**Upon successful completion of the Master of Philosophy (Physiotherapy), graduates will be able to:**

1. Apply high level cognitive and technical skills in the design and execution of a specialised research project that makes a contribution to knowledge, professional practice and/or creative practice
2. Investigate, analyse, synthesise, and critically reflect on complex information, problems and concepts and apply established theories in the context of an advanced body of knowledge and practice
3. Disseminate research findings, communicating a coherent and sustained argument effectively, to specialist and non-specialist audiences
4. Apply knowledge of research integrity, ethics and the rights and safety of others in the conduct of research and dissemination of research findings; and
5. Conduct research with creativity, initiative, autonomy, and accountability.

## **Career opportunities**

Master of Philosophy (Physiotherapy) graduates may pursue careers in industry, academia and research organisations. Fields include; journalism and media, government and public administration, computing, law, physiotherapy, education and research.

## **Real-world experience**

You will learn from our academics, who are leaders in their field. There are no practicum requirements for this program.

## **Fees and costs**

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

### **International Full-Fee Paying**

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

### **Research Training Program (RTP)**

The Research Training Program (RTP) provides block grants to support students who are undertaking a Higher Degree by Research such as a Research Doctorate or Research Masters degree. You will receive support for a maximum of two years for a Research Masters and a maximum of four years for a Research Doctorate degree. Your offer will specify for which purpose(s) your grant may be used. This may include offset of your tuition fees, as a stipend for general living costs or as an allowance related to the ancillary cost of research degrees.

For indicative fees and information on Postgraduate and Research Scholarships available, please visit our [HDR Scholarships](#)

[https://www.nd.edu.au/\\_resources/archive/pages/students/scho-research-scholarships-old](https://www.nd.edu.au/_resources/archive/pages/students/scho-research-scholarships-old) page.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

## More information

### Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a [personalised advice session](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h) (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **[Book my session. \(https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h\)](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h)**

For more information, please contact our Prospective Students Office.

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**Duration:** 1.5 years full-time or equivalent part-time

**Duration type:** Full time; Part time

**Campus:** Fremantle; Sydney

**Study mode:** On campus

**Commencement:** Semester 1; Semester 2

**Program code:** 5130

**CRICOS code:** 061767C

**Fee:** International Full Fees; Research Training Program  
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