



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Master of Physiotherapy

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School of Health Sciences

Do you wish to practice as a physiotherapist? The University of Notre Dame Australia's Master of Physiotherapy degree is a 2-year full-time program that prepares you to become an effective, culturally-appropriate practitioner focusing on the physiotherapist-client relationship. This program includes key physiotherapy-specific courses and clinical placement experiences meaning you are work-ready upon completion of the degree. There is a strong focus on ethical and professional communication and behaviours as well as on developing high-level communication skills with clients and as part of collaborative multi-disciplinary practice. Graduates from this program will be eligible for registration as a physiotherapist with the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Agency (Ahpra).

Why study this degree?

Are you the person who wants to make a career helping others be the best they can be? Do you dream of joining a profession that bases its decisions on scientific evidence and makes exciting therapeutic advancements daily?

In our Master of Physiotherapy program, you explore every avenue of physiotherapy practice in your on-campus studies and approximately 750 hours of clinical practice (practicum).

You will develop clinical assessment and intervention skills in laboratories, simulated learning environments and exposure to clients in physiotherapy practices, hospitals or community health settings in urban and rural locations.

The program also strongly focuses on evidence-based and reflective practice ensuring graduates will be well prepared to meet the challenge of current and future health provision across the many clinical and non-clinical areas in which Physiotherapists are employed.

Program summary

Year One

- PHTY5006 Fundamentals for Physiotherapy
- ABOR5000 The Silent History
- PHTY5007 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Peripheral I)
- PHTY5008 Applied Neuroscience
- PHTY5009 Principles of Clinical Rehabilitation
- PHTY5010 Research and Evidence in Physiotherapy
- PHTY5011 Clinical Education I and Practitioner Preparation
- PHTY5012 Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences I
- PHTY5013 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Peripheral II)

- PHTY5014 Physiotherapy across the Lifespan I

Year Two

- BESC6000 Psychosocial Determinants of Health and Wellbeing
- PHTY6006 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal I)
- PHTY6007 Rehabilitation for the Neurosciences
- PHTY6008 Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences II
- PHTY6009 Professional and Complex Issues in Physiotherapy Practice 1
- PHTY6010 Physiotherapy across the Lifespan II
- PHTY6011 Clinical Education II
- PHTY6012 Clinical Education III, Practitioner Development, and Professional Issues
- PHTY6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life
- PHTY6013 Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal II)
- PHTY6014 Physiotherapy across the Lifespan III
- PHTY6015 Complex Issues in Physiotherapy Practice II and Clinical Education IV

Full details of the program are contained in the Program Requirements

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0027/351/of-Physiotherapy.pdf).

Entry requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the University's minimum requirements for admission for postgraduate programs

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements>).

International students must have a qualification that is recognised as equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree, AQF Level 7, or to be in the final year of an eligible Bachelor's degree.

Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the program, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- A Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science* with a minimum GPA of 2.5**;
OR
- A Bachelor of Science* with a major or specialisation in Exercise and Sports Science, with a minimum GPA of 2.5**;
OR
- Any Bachelor's degree* with a minimum GPA of 2.5**, AND which includes assessed studies in the following specific areas:
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology
 - Human Pathophysiology
- Inherent requirements as listed in the Program Requirements
(https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0027/3of-Physiotherapy.pdf).

**Including two semesters of human anatomy and one semester of pathophysiology covering the following indicative study areas: see PHTY1005, 1006 and PHTY1007 (https://www.nd.edu.au/_resources/archive/schools/physio/physi_fremantle/courses).*

***GPA of 2.5 is based on a 4-point scale.*

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the selected program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/recognition-of-prior-learning>).

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Masters of Physiotherapy, graduates will be able to:

1. Apply advanced verbal and written communication skills with clients, families, carers and service providers
2. Practice professional and ethical behaviour, demonstrating respect and sensitivity to clients with diverse social, cultural and spiritual beliefs
3. Autonomously apply critical reflection and expert judgement to identify limitations in knowledge, skills and abilities in order to plan and implement lifelong learning strategies
4. Synthesise complex information when accessing, and integrating best available evidence into physiotherapy practice
5. Apply advanced and integrated knowledge and skills to practice safe, effective entry-level physiotherapy across a range of settings
5. Employ critical analysis and expert judgement to formulate and conduct effective, efficient and adaptable physiotherapy practice
7. Develop and communicate physiotherapy-based health promotion and collaborative management strategies to empower clients to participate in healthcare decisions and behaviours
3. Contribute to healthcare delivery through culturally safe, effective inter-professional communication,

advocacy and practice

Practical component

You will complete a variety of formal practicum experiences within the clinical setting as a part of the program. Clinical Placements operate in accordance with the Health and Universities Agreement for Allied Health Student Clinical Placements (2005) and Schedules to that agreement or its substitute in place at the time. You will complete approximately 750 hours of clinical practicum in this program.

The following courses are specific to clinical placement experiences:

- PHTY5011 Clinical Education I and Practitioner Preparation
- PHTY6011 Clinical Education II
- PHTY6012 Clinical Education III, Practitioner Development, and Professional Issues
- PHTY6015 Complex Issues in Physiotherapy Practice II and Clinical Education IV

Career opportunities

Graduates of this program can follow diverse career paths in the private and public health sectors. Career opportunities range from working in physiotherapy practices, hospitals or community health settings in both urban and rural locations in the fields of aged care, cardiorespiratory, disability, musculoskeletal, neurology, paediatrics, rehabilitation, research, clinical and/or academic teaching .

Real-world experience

You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

Professional accreditation

The Master of Physiotherapy is accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

The fully accredited Physiotherapy course offers a formal curriculum that contains all of the elements required for professional registration. Graduates are eligible to register as physiotherapists with the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Agency (Ahpra) allowing them to work throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Fees and costs

Domestic students

International students

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>). 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>)**

For more information, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email future@nd.edu.au (<mailto:future@nd.edu.au>).

All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au (<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

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Duration: 2 years full-time

Duration type: Full time

Campus: Fremantle

Study mode: On campus

Commencement: Semester 1

Program code: 5170

CRICOS code: 114346D

Fee: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International
II Fees

Practical Component: 750 hours

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