

# University of Cape Town



## MSc in Occupational Therapy (MM005 & MM018)

2018



## Division of Occupational Therapy Department of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences

Masters programmes are research driven and aim to produce new and relevant knowledge to transform and develop Occupational Therapy practice.

### The following options are available:

**MSc in Occupational Therapy by dissertation (MM005)** for students wishing to pursue an in-depth research study in an area of occupational therapy. The programme includes a compulsory semester course in Research Methods. Students may study a topic of their choice or take on a research work recommended by the Division.

**MSc in Occupational Therapy by coursework and dissertation (MM018)**. This three year part-time, or two-year full time coursework and dissertation programme is offered to graduates who want to learn more about the profession and explore topics in greater depth than at undergraduate level.

**Individual courses for non-degree purposes.** A maximum of two courses may be taken without registering for the degree.

### MSc in Occupational Therapy by coursework and dissertation (MM018)

This programme consists of **six courses and a minor dissertation**. Not all courses are offered every year.

### Compulsory courses:

- **Research Methods (AHS5014F)<sup>1</sup>**  
Theory of qualitative and quantitative research methods and applied through exercises and the preparation of a research proposal.
- **Research Methods II (AHS5018S)<sup>1</sup>**  
Advanced theoretical preparation for planning, executing and reporting research with a major focus on further development of the research proposal.
- **Human Occupation: Theory & Critique (AHS5015F)<sup>2</sup>**  
This course takes a strong occupational science stance with a focus on the meta-theoretical basis for understanding and using occupation in occupational therapy practice.
- **Occupational Therapy: Identities & Practices (AHS5016F)<sup>3</sup>**  
This course explores the phenomenon of occupation within the context of daily life and across the lifespan in order to inform occupation centred practice.

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<sup>1</sup> Offered every year

<sup>2</sup> Next offered in 2019

<sup>3</sup> Offered in 2018

**A choice of any 2 of the following:**

- **Occupational Therapy in Primary Health Care (AHS5044S)<sup>1</sup>**  
This course examines the role of occupational therapy in comprehensive primary health care (PHC) and considers how the PHC philosophy and approach can be facilitated through occupation-centred programmes within the district health system and the context of national and international policies.
- **Occupation-Based Community Development Practice (AHS5045S)<sup>2</sup>**  
The course explores the interrelationships and interconnections between the environment and occupations to promote health, well-being and social justice for marginalised and vulnerable groups.
- **Introduction to Disability as Diversity (AHS4089F)<sup>3</sup>**  
The course presents the shifts towards viewing disability as a human rights issue by focussing on the individual, social and psycho-analytical models of disability. Issues of power and privilege are introduced and theories on identities, sharing and resistance to oppression

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<sup>2</sup> Next offered in 2019

<sup>3</sup> Part of the Disability Studies programme. Students should enquire when the course will be offered.

explored. Marginalisation and exclusion and their intersections with disability are considered.

**Admission requirements**

- Degree in occupational therapy or equivalent qualification recognised by the Senate.
- Minimum of two years practice experience is recommended.
- Registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa or equivalent body in the country in which research will be conducted.
- **Computer literacy.**

**Application closing dates**

Foreign applicants: **31 July 2017**

SA applicants: **30 September 2017**

**For further information on:**

- Postgraduate studies
- International students
- Fees
- Financial assistance, visit:  
<http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications/>

**Financial assistance**

Information on scholarships and bursaries is available from the Postgraduate Funding Office.

**Applicants are responsible for securing their own financial support.**

**Application forms and details available online:**

<http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/postgraduates/administration/> - click on '**Apply online to study at UCT**'

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