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Qualifying programme

1. BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (full time)
2. BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (part time)

Duration of Programme

1. 3 years
2. 4 years

Programmes start

October 2011

Number of places available

1. 42 full time
1. 5 part time

Part time students will need to consider studying one year of their programme on a full time basis in order to complete their degree in four years. This does not mean attending University five days per week but you would be required to study the same number of modules as the full time students for the full time year.

About the area

Southampton is a great place to be a student. The city is large enough to be varied, but not so big that it is totally overwhelming. Our School is situated on the main University campus, which is just outside the city centre and next to 326 acres of managed woodland. With lots to do, including three internationally celebrated arts venues, its own shops, restaurants, nightclub and a brand new sports complex, our students have everything that is needed to relax close at hand. Southampton hosts the Mayflower Theatre (which stages West End musicals, opera and comedy), the Southampton Guildhall, and the award winning Southampton City Art Gallery. Other attractions include a 13 screen cinema and entertainment complex, a stunning art house cinema, a wide assortment of restaurants/bars and one of the UK's top 10 shopping centres (West Quay). There are also plenty of sporting amenities. The city has excellent rail links with the rest of the country and the campus is within easy reach of Southampton airport.

Visit www.vistsouthampton.co.uk to find out more about the city and local area.

About the programme/university

This University is already one of the top research universities in the UK. The School was rated highly commendable in the last QAA teaching assessment for all three areas of learning and teaching, student progression and learning resources and their utilisation. We pride ourselves on the quality of our teaching which is underpinned by staff expertise and research activity. The academic staff within the department are active researchers and experts in their field. The School is purpose built to train therapists, providing excellent facilities.

Students benefit from studying core modules with physiotherapy and podiatry students. In addition students participate in the Common Learning programme with students from other health professions courses, this provides opportunity to work with and learn from other health care students, and develop an understanding of the roles of different professionals in a team based service. This opportunity had been recognised by the Department of Health as 'leading edge' and provides opportunity to undertake placements in a variety of health and social care settings, working with and learning from other health care students.

Key features of the programme

Both the full and part-time programmes at Southampton offer a combination of academic study and clinical fieldwork placements, which are integrated into the programme to allow you to relate the theory learnt in School to clinical situations, and then to relate clinical experience gained to your academic work. Our part-time programme runs over two days per week, and clinical placements may be completed on a part or full-time basis. Part time students attend lectures with the full time students which allows for valuable sharing of ideas and experiences. Academic study is organised in modules which cover foundation sciences, and areas of professional practice such as research, ethics, and the more practical skills and knowledge required to be an occupational therapist in specific areas such as physical rehabilitation, mental health and learning disabilities. Both academic and clinical skills are taught and assessed using a variety of methods.

How to apply

Applications for the full-time programme should be made through UCAS (B920).

Part-time programme applications should be made directly to the School, the application form is available to download from our website www.soton.ac.uk/healthsciences

Application and interview process

For the full-time programme, conditional offers are generally made based on the UCAS form. All selected candidates are invited to attend an open afternoon to meet staff, students and view the facilities.

Applicants to the part-time programme who meet the entry criteria are offered an interview which will take place in the Spring prior to entry. Interview days also include opportunity to meet staff and current students and to tour the facilities as well as find out more about the programme.

Funding

All UK places are funded by the Department of Health; this covers course and tuition fees for Home and EU students. Home students can apply for a means tested bursary.

Standard entry requirements

GCSE

Minimum of five GCSEs to include maths, English and a science all at grade C or above.

A2/AS levels

300 UCAS Tariff points from 18 or 21 units, must include a science subject. Psychology and Sociology are both accepted as science subjects.

ACCESS

An Access course passed at 75% or equivalent in a related subject

SCOTTISH HIGHERS

Must include a science subject, 6 subjects all at Grade B

IRISH LEAVING CERT

As above

Additional information regarding standard entry requirements

BTEC/Edexcel – No fails in year 1, 5 distinctions and 1 merit in year 2 (300 points)
 International Baccalaureate - Must include a science subject, 28 points
 Entry qualifications must have been achieved in the three years prior to commencing the programme.

Non standard entry requirements

GCSE

Mature students: 1 A level or 2 AS levels in science subjects – all at grade C or above (80 points total)

ACCESS

An Access course passed at 75% or equivalent in a related subject

Information regarding non standard entry requirements

Mature student entry:

- Honours Degree - 2.2 or above
- Open University S104 Exploring Science course (60 credits) or K101 Health and Social Care (60 credits) – Pass
- University of Southampton Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care – Pass
- Entry qualifications must have been achieved in the three years prior to commencing any programme.

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Overseas applicants

There may be opportunities for a small number of international students on the programmes. The University has a thriving international student population who are well supported by the University of Southampton International Office who provide advice and support throughout the application process as well as once your programme commences. See the University website pages for international students: www.soton.ac.uk/international/index.shtml

Post qualifying programmes

Many of our former graduates and graduates from other universities return to us on post-qualifying programmes, including one day courses, full-time or part-time MSc, Clinical Doctorate and PhD studies. These programmes are flexible and designed to support career developments in clinical, management, education and research, for further information see our website www.southampton.ac.uk/healthsciences/ or contact sohppreg@soton.ac.uk

Research profile

Our research department has an impressive national and international record of research, innovation and publication in the allied health professions. These findings feed into our programmes giving you a very current and dynamic learning experience. Collaborative research is also carried out with academic and research staff from other Schools in the University.

Future Developments

We have been validated to offer a 2 year accelerated pre-registration programme leading to an MSc in Occupational Therapy. This will be available to applicants with a previous related degree at 2:1 or above and recent / current relevant work experience. Start date: TBC.

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