

MSc Occupational Therapy Overview

This two year accelerated route to qualification attracts students from a wide range of backgrounds with a previous degree. The first three practice placements take place part-time on Mondays Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Students return to university on Thursdays for classroom learning. The final placement is 10 weeks full time.

This innovative structure allows students to combine learning from practice and theory from a very early stage. Small group workshops encompassing debate and discussion consolidate these learning skills to enable students early on in the course to reach the level of critical thinking expected at level 7 (masters). Many of the academic assignments draw on practice placement experience.

The course has a strongly person centred philosophy. The core principles and underpinning basic sciences of occupational therapy are taught in an integrated way, drawing on case study material as the student progresses through the first year of the course. In the second year the research, the leadership module and independent sector practice experience encourage creativity, entrepreneurship and innovation, all skills specifically required by the 21st century health practitioner. The course ends with the final full time placement, which offers students a solid foundation from which to begin their career as an Occupational Therapist.