New Occupational Therapy Postgraduate Program
commencing February 2012
Faculty of Health Sciences

The Faculty of Health Sciences at Flinders University is delighted to advise that the first intake of students for the new Master of Occupational Therapy is planned for February 2012.

The introduction of a Master of Occupational Therapy expands on the strong education and research program in health that Flinders University has established in South Australia and across Australia. The new course compliments and further develops Flinders University’s significant presence in allied health.

The Master of Occupational Therapy aims to prepare students for professional practice as occupational therapists across a range of settings, including rural and remote areas. The course will prepare students to become contemporary, client-centred therapists able to work effectively within an interdisciplinary team.

Learning outcomes
Graduates of the Flinders Master of Occupational Therapy will be able to:

• Identify and apply theoretical approaches within occupational therapy including the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework.
• Understand humans as occupational beings and integrate this information in providing occupational therapy for individuals, organisations and populations including rural and remote health.
• Collaborate and communicate with clients to meet their occupational needs in a culturally sensitive manner.
• Select interventions relevant to the needs of clients using reflective and evidence-based practice.
• Apply occupational therapy skills to enhance a client’s health and participation in life through engagement in occupation.
• Collaborate and communicate effectively with other health professions in providing high quality health care.
• Reflect on their practice and plan their ongoing professional development as life-long learners.

Study program
The Master of Occupational Therapy is a two-year course which builds on the three-year Bachelor of Health Sciences offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences at Flinders. Students can enter a specific stream within the Bachelor of Health Science that leads to the Master of Occupational Therapy or apply with another degree that meets the prerequisites in clinical and social sciences.

The program will be mainly based at the new state-of-the-art Flinders University building located at the Repatriation General Hospital. Students will also have access to facilities at Flinders Bedford Park campus, including the extensive anatomy labs, and Flinders Rural Clinical School facilities.

Our intention is to focus our student clinical placements in the southern region of Adelaide, as well as country regions of South Australia supporting the University strategic plan for close partnerships and development in these areas.

A formal launch of the Occupational Therapy Program will be held on Flinders University’s Bedford Park University campus during October 2011.

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