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Qualifying programme

1. BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
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Duration of Programme

1. 3 years full time
2. 4 years part time

Programme starts

September 2011

Number of places available

1. 60 full time
2. 20 part time

About the area

In the heart of the Midlands, with easy rail and motorway access, Northampton is a charming 800 year old market town that combines the traditional and the modern to create a very special place to visit – at any time of year. In the centre you will find a superb range of retail outlets from major high street names to individual specialist shops, to the historic Market Square – one of the largest and most impressive in England. Sports, leisure and nightlife are all locally accessible offering a range of activities to suit all tastes.

About the programme/university

The University of Northampton is a dynamic, modern university. It is large enough to offer top quality opportunities and small enough to retain a friendly atmosphere. The School of Health is a major school in the institution and offers interprofessional learning opportunities and a growing reputation for research. The Division has a Professor and Reader in Occupational Therapy. There are excellent library, media and IT services. The university is very much an international player with over 700 international students from 100 different countries each year.

Key features of the programme

BSc programme

The degree is taught in a range of delivery styles, including lectures, tutorials, seminars and enquiry based learning, catering for differing student needs. A variety of assessment styles are used including essays, projects, presentations, examinations and vivas. There is also the opportunity to undertake primary research. Interprofessional learning opportunities are an integral part of the course.

Full-time route

Delivered over three terms per year with practice placements over one term of each year. Most placements are Midlands based but national and international placements form part of the practice portfolio.

Part-time routes

The programme is designed to suit the learning needs of part-time students. It is delivered over three extended terms per year requiring a commitment of three days per week; two days in university and a third day for study. Part-time placements are organised at appropriate intervals and the programme can be adjusted to full-time if required.

How to apply

Full time UCAS
Part time direct to the University

Application and interview process

Application forms will be screened for qualifications, personal statement and references. Short-listed applicants are invited for group interviews. Conditional offers will be made on the basis of this and successful Occupational Health and enhanced disclosure screening.

Funding

NHS bursaries are available for UK and EU students

Standard entry requirements

GCSE
240 UCAS Tariff points including 2 GCE A-level / AVCE awards at a minimum grade C in subjects other than General Studies or one AVCE double award at a minimum of grade CC.

GNVQ/AVCE

Equivalence to 240 UCAS points
BTEC: 18 units; graded MERIT, MERIT, MERIT.

ACCESS

Pass

SCOTTISH HIGHERS

240 Tariff points as above to include at least 3 Highers.

IRISH LEAVING CERT

Highers at grades AAA or BBBB.

APEL

Applicants are welcome to apply for accreditation. A School of Health panel will make decisions based on individual circumstances

ACL

As above

Additional information regarding standard entry requirements

- The applicant will have English as his/her first language or achieve level 6.5 in IELTS or equivalent, with no element below 6.
- The applicant will show a desire to practise as an occupational therapist.

- The applicant will demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of occupational therapy practice.
- The applicant will have experienced a variety of shadowing to broaden his/her understanding of Occupational Therapy.
- Places are offered subject to satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure (CRB) and Occupational Health screening

Non standard entry requirements

GCSE

English and Maths grade C or above

Information regarding non standard entry requirements

Each application is considered on their own merit. Evidence of successful recent study at degree entry level is required.

Overseas applicants

Applications from overseas are welcomed. Individuals are considered on his/her merits but must have attained a satisfactory level in a pre-degree course of study or equivalent. Applicants with English as his/her second language must have achieved level 6.5 in IELTS or equivalent, with no element below 6.

Post qualifying programmes

The portfolio of post qualifying courses for OTs include:

MSc Advanced Occupational Therapy: for occupational therapists seeking to develop their practice. Within the Award there are three profession specific modules:

- Occupation for Occupational Therapists,
 - Current Issues for Therapists
 - Advanced Skills
- as well as a profession specific dissertation module

There are also free-standing post-graduate modules and MSc awards in **Practice Education, Mental Health, Community Practice, Leadership, and Health Studies** within the School of Health and all relevant to OTs, see: <http://www2.northampton.ac.uk/health/schoolofhealthhomepage/postgraduate-study/awards> For those working within East Midlands these modules may be funded through 'Learning Beyond Registration'.

PhD and MPhil research degrees are supported by OT staff and other relevant academics at the University of Northampton.

Doctorate of Professional Practice, again facilitated and supported by OT staff and other relevant academics at the University of Northampton.

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From P1

International/EU links

Staff and student exchanges are positively encouraged. Links have been formed between Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Canada, Chile, USA, Australia and New Zealand.

Research profile

The university has a Professor in Occupational Therapy and a readership in occupational science. Occupational therapy staff are currently engaged in active research. The division's research focus is 'Health through Occupation'. The division's wide range of expertise in research methodology includes specialisation in Q methodology. Students are involved as primary data collectors. The division regularly publishes papers and presents at conferences.

Future Developments

The university is developing an expanding distance learning, internationally linked and inter-professional education.

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