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Qualifying programme

1. BHS (Hons) Occupational Therapy (plus flexible route is available through this programme)
2. BHS (Hons) Occupational Therapy In-Service

Duration of Programme

1. 3 years, flexible route up to a maximum 6 years
2. 3 years 6 months

Programme starts

1. September 2011
2. January 2011 / January 2012

Number of places available

1. Validated for 130 (flexible route available for up to a maximum of 10 places)
2. Validated for 30

About the area

Thousands of people every year can't be wrong! York is an amazing place to visit – just think what it is like to live here. At York St John you become a member of the lively, vibrant, citywide community of over 20,000 students. You will realise that one of the best things about York is that it appreciates its students. January 2009 saw the opening of a £11 million purpose built new base De Grey Court, for the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences. The state of the art occupational therapy skills rooms plus the recently constructed Fountains Learning Resources, together with Foss and Skell facilities, will complement the continued strong contemporary programmes that we offer.

About the programme/university

The success of our graduates has earned us a national reputation for excellence. At York St John University we are one of the largest providers of Occupational Therapy education in the country, but we remain committed to providing a high quality educational experience for our students, that recognises the importance of individuality. Our occupational therapy students come from people of different ages, experience, social and educational backgrounds because we believe that the occupational therapy programme is enhanced by the richness of the students' experiences.

Key features of the programme

At Level 1 you will have an opportunity to study subjects such as biological sciences, psychological and social sciences, health, wellbeing and occupational therapy practice. At Level 2 the focus is on applied theory and occupational therapy skills within the physical and psychosocial domains, together with practical and experiential learning. There is an emphasis on communication skills, research, IT and occupational therapy specific techniques and approaches. At Level 3 you will be able to extend your particular interest through completion of a dissertation using research and enquiry techniques. In some modules at level 1 and level 3 you will study alongside physiotherapy students this enables opportunities for shared learning and adds to the richness

of the undergraduate experience. All programmes are designed to include a minimum of 1000 hours of practical professional experience, during which you will work alongside, and learn from, experienced therapists. We attempt to ensure a balanced experience within health, community, physical, mental health and learning disability fields with clients and patients of all ages and individual needs. Methods of assessment are varied depending upon which module you are taking. Assessments may include individual or group presentations, written assignments and case studies. There are practical assessments that allow you to demonstrate your skill development and you will undertake a research project in your final year. Graduates of York St John University are to be found working in occupational therapy services throughout the UK and abroad. This may be in range of areas in health and social care such as hospitals, schools, community practice and charitable organisations. You will have the ability to adapt to the constantly changing needs of service users. The course will prepare you to be competent, reflective, critical thinking practitioners, able to deliver safe and effective services within a wide range of environments. Throughout the course, we encourage and assist you to develop entrepreneurial skills. You will then be equipped to explore career areas other than traditional areas, if you so wish.

How to apply

BHS (Hons) Occupational Therapy (including flexible route) through UCAS
BHS (Hons) Occupational Therapy In-Service apply directly to York St John University Admissions Department. Applicants must also have their managers approval to apply for this programme.

Application and interview process

BHS (Hons) Occupational Therapy (including flexible route) – all applicants who demonstrate minimum entry requirements and a suitable personal statement, are invited for a group interview.
BHS (Hons) Occupational Therapy In-Service – all applicants who demonstrate the minimum requirements and a suitable personal statement, will be interviewed individually.

Funding

NHS bursaries are available for full time & flexible route students who meet eligibility requirements.
In-Service student fees are available for those who are employed by the NHS or Local Authority within the Yorkshire & Humber Strategic Health

Standard entry requirements

GCSE
You will need 260 UCAS points made up of at least 2 A2 subjects plus 5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language plus Maths or Science

GNVQ/AVCE
A's double award

CACHE Diploma or other level 3 suitable qualification
ACCESS
Access course in an appropriate subject area

SCOTTISH HIGHERS
Equivalent to the above

IRISH LEAVING CERT
Equivalent to the above

APEL
This will be considered on an individual basis please contact admissions@yorks.ac.uk or telephone 01904 876599

ACL
This will be considered on an individual basis please contact.

Additional information regarding standard entry requirements

If you unsure of your qualifications meet our requirements then please do not hesitate to contact the admissions department on 01904 876599. Completion of a Health Screening form and a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Record Bureau check. All applicants are required to demonstrate a sound understanding of disability issues and occupational therapy. Any relevant experience will be looked upon favourably.
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Information regarding non standard entry requirements

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Overseas applicants

Overseas applicants are welcome but need to be aware that they may incur additional costs.

Post qualifying programmes

York St John University is a major provider of inter-professional postgraduate continuing professional development programmes to Masters level for allied health professionals in Yorkshire. We also offer an innovative return to practice programme for people who wish to register with the Health Professions Council (HPC) after a period away from practice.

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International/EU links

Year 2 students may spend half of the second year on exchange in Oslo. The final placement may be taken in South Africa, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Botswana with Leonard Cheshire International. We also have a range of role emerging placements in a variety of health and social care settings.

Research profile

York St John University has a Professor in Rehabilitation and two Readers in Occupational Therapy; they have considerable applied research experience that informs professional bodies, national policy guidance and the NHS service delivery. The readers have links to the dissertation modules within the programmes. Several members of teaching staff who have PhDs and their work contributes and directly influences the occupational therapy curriculum.

Future Developments

The new Centre for Enabling Environments and Assistive Technology ALPS and C4C Teaching Fellows involved in a range of activities, which include: teaching and assessment in ethical practice, utilisation of electronic re-usable learning objects and medical humanities. Continued expansion of role emerging practice placements in order to prepare graduates to deliver safe and effective services within contemporary careers in a wide range of environments. Further expansion of the use of virtual learning environments to enhance the undergraduate experience for students. Further expansion of international opportunities for students undertaking practice placements and as previously stated role emerging placements.

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