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### Links with the professional body

- The majority of the students are BAOT members
- The programme leaders are occupational therapists
- 12 occupational therapy teaching staff are BAOT members
- Other professions contribute to the programme: Social Work; Physiotherapy; Learning Disabilities Nursing; Mental Health Nursing and service-users
- Approx 200 APPLE accredited Practice Placement Educators
- Staff belonging to specialist sections: Older People, People with Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Rheumatology, Work, HIV/Aids, Oncology & Palliative Care

**Qualifying programme**  
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

**Duration of Programme**  
3 years full time

**Programme starts**  
September 2011

**Number of places available**  
45 full time

### About the area

Bristol is well placed to explore the southwest peninsula, Bath and the Cotswolds. Home to 'trip hop', celebrated graffiti artist Banksy, and Wallace and Gromit, Bristol has a rich maritime and civil engineering history and offers a variety of boating and harbourside activities in the city centre. There is also a vibrant live music, theatre and comedy scene. Already recognised as 'green capital of the UK' Bristol is the only UK city to be short listed to be Europe's designated Green Capital in either 2010 or 2011. It is well-served by waterways, green open space, farmers' markets and cycle paths. Indeed Glenside campus (where the OT programme is delivered) is richly endowed with greenery, open space and mature trees.

### About the programme/university

The University offers more than 600 programmes at undergraduate, postgraduate, professional and short course levels. UWE has a history of providing high-quality education and training to students, achieving consistently high assessment scores for teaching quality. The University's strong links with major employers brings visiting lecturers to share their professional experience and provides excellent placement opportunities for students. The University prides itself on giving its students the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their chosen career.

The Occupational Therapy Resource Centre based on the Glenside campus (OTRC) is a suite of rooms designed specifically for students' experiential learning about the art and science of occupational therapy. A variety of resources in the OTRC enable students to practice and develop their hands-on skills, and to build their capacity for clinical reasoning and conceptualising how occupational therapy works. For example, students have access to equipment and simulated 'real life' household environments that allow them to explore environmental adaptation, assistive

technology and orthotics/splinting to facilitate occupation and function.

For more information about this exciting university please use following link:  
<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/aboutUWE/uwe.shtml>

### Key features of the programme

The programme is modular and uses Problem Based Learning and Student Centred Learning approaches throughout. The School of Health and Social Care has Interprofessional Education as a core element running through each of the three levels of study. All students participate in this giving opportunities to learn with and from students from other professions such as nursing, medicine, social work, nursing, physiotherapy; radiotherapy & diagnostic imaging.

### How to apply

Via UCAS

### Standard entry requirements

GCSE

5 subjects at grade C or above including Maths, English Language and Science

PLUS:

UCAS Tariff 280 to 320 UCAS Tariff points in at least 2 subjects including one science/social science subject

ACCESS

50 credits at level 3 including Science/Social Science, English & Maths at level 2

### Additional information regarding standard entry requirements

UCAS Tariff 280 to 320 UCAS Tariff points in at least 2 subjects including one science/social science subject or equivalent.

### Information regarding non standard entry requirements

Non Standard Applicants are considered on their individual merits but must still possess the equivalent of GCSE Maths and English.

### Overseas applicants

Applicable only to applicants who have resided in the UK for over 3 years and meet the residency criteria.

In addition applicants who first language is not English must have an IELTS score of 7 which no element is below 6.5.

### Post qualifying programmes

There are various courses available to occupational therapists at UWE: <http://cpd.hsc.uwe.ac.uk/>

### Future Developments

Staff members research interest/experience include:

- Active Older People
- Maintaining Students' Wellbeing Through Occupation
- Work and Rheumatology
- Social Inclusion and Mental Health
- People with Learning Disabilities and their Occupational Challenges
- Occupation and Wellbeing

### Future Developments

Potentially an MSc in Occupational Therapy.

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