

Congratulations on being offered a place on this year's BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy programme.

You have been offered a place as we believe you have demonstrated the values required to be a caring Health Care Professional and that you are ready to begin your academic journey to become an Occupational Therapist.

I am aware that you may have started thinking about your upcoming studies so hopefully this information will help you with feeling more prepared and provide an idea of what to expect. Just as a caveat, this is a guide and although there should not be many (if any) major changes to the programme's schedule, there will be occasions where things are changed, or alterations made to meet your learning needs.

The course follows the standard University's Academic Calendar starting during the University's *Welcome Week* which will be from **Monday 23rd September 2024**. A timetable and details of this week will come to you from the University's Admission's Team in advance. For now, expect on-campus and online sessions and activities to be generally on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 09:30-15:30. There will also be times when you need to be available on other days, you will be notified of this well in advance. You will have self-directed learning to complete when you are not on campus. Placements are full time, generally Monday to Friday.

Teaching

When learning on campus, there will be a mixture of theory seminar sessions which will be either with your Occupational Therapy cohort or in inter-professional groups where you will get to know and learn alongside other healthcare students. There will also be regular practical workshops. Within your timetable there will be time dedicated to self-directed study for you to prepare for upcoming sessions and review topics covered during the weeks' sessions.

Practice Placements

Practice placements will be delivered across the 3 years with external healthcare providers across North Wales and Powys. In your first year you will have one 8-week block starting at the end of January.

Your term-time address will be considered during the allocation of placements however the importance of providing varied placement opportunities the nearest placement location is not guaranteed. You will be placed at different locations across North Wales and Powys during each year of the programme.

It is reasonable to be expected to travel up to an hour to practice placements. When allocating placements, we consider your personal circumstances but there is an expectation that if you are able then you may be allocated a placement which requires you to stay away from home. If you are offered a Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) commissioned place you will be able to claim expenses for travel and accommodation during practice placements.



Simulation

Simulation is an important part of the course delivery and is enjoyed by both students and the teaching team. We have a dedicated Occupational Therapy learning space that is a flexible classroom to meet the needs of study or practical workshops. We will also utilise the University's Health Simulation Centre – a simulated hospital environment – and Ty Dysgu, an actual house on campus owned by the University for the purpose of simulation.

Wellbeing

We want to make sure that your university experience is both enjoyable and gives you every opportunity available. We are a university known for the excellent care and support we offer – that is why we have such a diverse student population and a great record of helping people to reach their potential. We are dedicated to creating a supportive environment where you can be sure that meeting your needs will be at the heart of all that we do.

During your studies you will be allocated a Personal Tutor who will meet with you at least three times a year to discuss your studies and wellbeing. Your Personal Tutor is also available to you throughout your learning as a first point of contact whenever needed.

Before every placement there will be pre-placement preparation sessions to help prepare you and a post-placement session to reflect on your learning and experience. During your placement you will have a practice educator and a tutor allocated to you.

Inclusion

At Wrexham University we strive to provide an inclusive and accessible learning environment. Whether you are already aware of a disability, medical condition, or specific learning difference, such as dyslexia, that you wish to disclose or if you are concerned about individual needs arising, you can contact the Inclusion Services team at the University in advance Tel: 01978 293266 or Email: inclusion@wrexham.ac.uk.

Reading

Each module has key recommended texts. These will be available in either hard copy and/or E Book once you enrol from the library. However, we recommend you purchase Duncan and McMillan as these will be used throughout your studies.

Duncan, E.A. ed., (2020). *Foundations for Practice in Occupational Therapy (6th Ed)* Elsevier. – Recommend purchase copy

McMillan, I. and Carin-Levey, G. (2011) *Tyldesley and Grieve's Muscles, Nerves and Movement. (4th ed.)* Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. - Recommend purchase copy

Semester One (before Christmas)

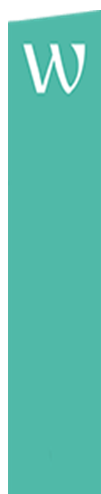
You will be able to check your individual timetables online in advance before Welcome Week and regularly during your studies for updates and changes however, here is a guide to the scheduled learning you can expect in semester one before Christmas.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am 09:30-12:00	Guided independent study	AHP402 Foundations in Research	Guided independent study	OCC421 Placement Prep/Mandatory training	OCC422 Human Function Through Occupation
pm 13:00-15:30		OCC421 Placement Prep/Mandatory training		AHP403 Foundations in Professional Practice	OCC422 Human Function Through Occupation

Thank you again for choosing to study Occupational Therapy at Wrexham University. I hope this information has been useful. If you have any questions or concerns about your offer or conditions, then please contact the Admission's Team. Please contact me or Lee Mutch, Admissions Tutor (lee.mutch@wrexham.ac.uk) if you have any questions or concerns about the course.

Kind regards

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