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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST



“ Working as an Occupational Therapist gives me job satisfaction through promoting and maximising a person’s functional independence in their activities of daily living. This includes everything from self-care to work and leisure. ”

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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Occupational Therapists treat and rehabilitate people with physical and mental health conditions, through specific selected activities, for the purpose of enabling individuals who are temporarily or permanently disabled to reach their maximum level of function and independence in all aspects of life.

Occupational Therapists work in hospitals and various community settings and they may visit clients and their carers at home to monitor their progress.

### Skills Required:

The range of clients and different individual problems mean that you will need to be practical, adaptable and creative. You will also need good communication skills – and you should enjoy working in partnership, both with other healthcare professionals and with patients' families and carers.

### Training Programme:

*BSc Hons Occupational Therapy*

University of Ulster undergraduate full-time four year programme

### Entry Qualifications:

A minimum of 340 UCAS Tariff Points (AAB) at GCE A-level.  
Grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent.

### Career Pathway:

Occupational Therapists work with young children, adolescents, adults and older people. The profession offers opportunities for career development and there is a recognised promotional pathway within the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services. You will be able to choose from many different posts for your first job which will give you the chance to work in a range of different specialties.

### Professional Recognition:

Students who successfully complete the course will be eligible for membership of the British Association of Occupational Therapists and for the State Registration by the Health Professions Council (HPC) which is essential for employment in the HPSS. The course is also recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

### How to Apply:

For undergraduate full-time programme, application should be made through Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

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**Web Links:**

The University of Ulster – [www.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.ulster.ac.uk)

The College of Occupational Therapists – [www.cot.co.uk](http://www.cot.co.uk)

The World Federation of Occupational Therapists – [www.wfot.org.au](http://www.wfot.org.au)

British Association of Occupational Therapists – [www.baot.org.uk](http://www.baot.org.uk)

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