



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

MOccTher *Hand Therapy* (Coursework) (10258012)

Department Occupational Therapy

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (or equivalent) degree **or** relevant bachelor's degree
2. Registration as occupational therapist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)
3. At least one year of clinical experience in the proposed field of study (community service year excluded).
4. Employment in a part-time/full-time position for at least 15 hours per week, applicable to the field of study

Additional requirements

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G41.

Note:

Students must register for, and attend (TNM 802) Applied research methodology 802 satisfactorily.

Examinations and pass requirements

- i. A continuous evaluation mark of at least 50% is required for admission to the examination in the major subject.
- ii. The sequence of the examinations in the prerequisite subjects will be determined by the relevant head of department according to the major subject followed by the student.
- iii. In order to pass, a subminimum of 40% in the written and/or practical and/or clinical sections of the examination, and a final mark of at least 50%, is required in the major as well as the prerequisite subject.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained at least 75% in the major module, and an average of at least 65% (not rounded) in the prerequisite modules.



Curriculum: Year 1

Fundamental modules

Occupational therapeutic anatomy 804 (AAN 804)

Module credits	28.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 other contact session per week, 1 seminar per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomy
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Applied clinical anatomy of structures and systems as set out in the study guide for postgraduate anatomy courses.

Anatomical pathology 891 (ANP 891)

Module credits	28.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomical Pathology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

An in-depth knowledge of the pathology of selected conditions.

Physiology 882 (FSG 882)

Module credits	28.00
NQF Level	09
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Physiology
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules



Occupational therapy 801 (OTX 801)

Module credits	36.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Occupational Therapy
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

An in-depth study of upper limb biomechanics and ergonomics, evaluation and treatment techniques for hand and upper limb injuries and conditions; advanced clinical management.

Mini-dissertation: Occupational therapy 891 (OTX 891)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Occupational Therapy
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Health Sciences Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only.



Curriculum: Final year

Fundamental modules

Occupational therapeutic anatomy 804 (AAN 804)

Module credits	28.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 other contact session per week, 1 seminar per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomy
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Applied clinical anatomy of structures and systems as set out in the study guide for postgraduate anatomy courses.

Anatomical pathology 891 (ANP 891)

Module credits	28.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anatomical Pathology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

An in-depth knowledge of the pathology of selected conditions.

Physiology 882 (FSG 882)

Module credits	28.00
NQF Level	09
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Physiology
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules



Occupational therapy 801 (OTX 801)

Module credits	36.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

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NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Occupational Therapy
Period of presentation	Year

Applied research methodology 802 (TNM 802)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Health Sciences Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.



Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.