

PHD IN OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE (NOT ON OFFER IN 2025/26)

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for PhD in Occupational Science (NFQ Level 10, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Create and interpret new knowledge, through designing and conducting an empirical study, involving research and instrument design, data collection, data analysis and representation of findings, in a chosen research area relating to occupational science
- Demonstrate doctoral level knowledge of the epistemological and ontological foundations underpinning occupational science, and utilise these to develop occupational science research
- Demonstrate skills in critiquing the broader implications of applying occupational science knowledge to particular contexts
- Demonstrate intellectual independence and academic integrity as well as the skills to conduct ethical research assessment
- Demonstrate an ability to take leadership in addressing complex historical, social, political, and cultural processes
- Participate and contribute in critical debates on contemporary issues in occupational science relating to knowledge advancement, policy, leadership, pedagogy and practice
- Develop and demonstrate a significant range of the principal skills, techniques, tools, practices and/or materials which are associated with researching in occupational science
- Demonstrate an in-depth insight into the possibilities and limitations of academia, its role in society and the responsibility of human kind for how it is used
- Act as a critically informed occupational science researcher to communicate results of research and innovation to peers