

# Bachelor of Physiotherapy



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# Why JCU?

## **A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER**

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
  - Benefit from small class sizes
  - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
  - Discover great accommodation options

## **COLLABORATIVE LEARNING**

Develop a comprehensive understanding of health care. Gain a broad perspective – connect with students from occupational therapy, speech pathology, and clinical exercise physiology.

## **BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

Prepare for a rewarding physiotherapy career with a university ranked #1 in Australia for full-time graduate employment.\* JCU students gain practical skills and knowledge through more than 30 weeks of supervised clinical placements, including at the JCU Health Physiotherapy Clinic.

## **ACCESS EXPERTISE**

Join a supportive learning environment with access to JCU's leading lecturers. Students receive mentoring in their first year to set goals and identify strategies for academic success.

## **SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS**

Explore JCU's range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals.

\*Good Universities Guide 2022, UG Rehabilitation





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- ✔ Develop professional skills alongside ethical skills as you engage in extensive clinical training. Be prepared for every aspect of a physiotherapist's job by receiving hands-on training in both on-campus clinics and clinical placements.
- ✔ Cultivate the skills and knowledge needed to provide support and meet the needs of people in any area, including rural, remote, or Indigenous communities. Take part in clinical placements in urban, rural, and remote locations, and have the opportunity to further develop and test your skills at the JCU Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Clinic.
- ✔ Graduates of the JCU Bachelor of Physiotherapy can register to practice with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia and become members of the Australian Physiotherapy Association. You can also choose to further your study to gain advanced qualifications and increase your career options.

## COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Townsville
Start Dates:	February
Duration:	4 years full-time
ATAR:	88.9
Prerequisites:	English, Mathematical Methods; plus one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Education or Health Education

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.



# Ready today for tomorrow

Physiotherapists are health professionals whose primary focus is the restoration of function to improve quality of life. They assess and diagnose problems with human function and movement, then plan and administer treatment programs to restore function or minimise dysfunction due to illness, disease, ageing or injury.

They use a combination of manual therapy, movement training, exercise prescription, electrotherapy and education. For patients recovering from serious injury or disability, the physiotherapist is a vital health professional whose treatment can mean the difference between dependence and independence.

The JCU physiotherapy teaching philosophy is to provide students from a diverse range of backgrounds with a supportive, challenging and inspiring learning environment that enables them to grow as people and develop the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to work successfully as a physiotherapist on graduation. This degree has a strong focus on the development of skills and knowledge to enable graduates to understand the communities within our region to provide appropriate, sustainable and clinically relevant services to address the issues found in rural, remote, Indigenous and tropical communities.







*“My name is Michale Chandler and I am an Aboriginal and Australian South Sea Islander woman from Juru country in the Birri Gubba nation of Bowen. I graduated from JCU with my Bachelor of Physiotherapy in 2017. I really enjoyed my placements while studying, some of which were really interesting, like the Acute Neurology Rehabilitation Ward at Townsville Hospital, and the Surgical Ward at the Cairns Base Hospital. I have been employed as a full-time school based physiotherapist with the Department of Education in Townsville. I will be working with a team of therapists visiting local schools and helping students from five to 17 years of age. Eventually, I would like to start my own practice in my hometown of Bowen.”*

**Michale Chandler**

BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY



*“We have small classes. I have been here since the beginning of the program, and I have taught every single student who has been through the program. So I know all the students’ names, and it’s a really good feeling knowing that the students know you and you know the students. If they’ve got a problem they can come and talk to you about it. So we really know who everybody is. It makes it much more fun, a much more friendly environment. Everybody is trying to help each other achieve their goals.”*

**Dr Anne Jones**

HEAD OF PHYSIOTHERAPY



## Career Opportunities

JCU Physiotherapy graduates have a positive impact on their communities.

Graduates pursue careers across Australia and are especially equipped to work in rural and remote settings with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

You could work in aged care services, community health centres, hospitals, private practices, schools, or sports and rehab clinics.





# JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Townsville is on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on-campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,200 students. JCU Cairns, Nguma-bada campus, Smithfield, features an accommodation complex for 300 students. Living on-campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at [jcu.edu.au/accommodation](https://jcu.edu.au/accommodation)





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