

Top 5 reasons to be an occupational therapist in Queensland state schools

1. Inspiring career choice

- Develop long-term relationships with students, education personnel and families.
- Gain satisfaction by helping students to succeed at school, knowing that it will have a positive impact throughout their lives.

2. Work-life balance

- Enjoy flexible, family-friendly work schedules including the option of taking leave in school holidays.
- Take advantage of accrued time off and purchased leave options.

3. Wide range of experiences and opportunities

- Work with students of all ages and diverse needs.
- Choose between metropolitan, regional, rural and remote locations.
- Engage in a range of unique and innovative service delivery models.

4. Develop professionally

- Advance your professional knowledge through regular professional development and learning activities, including mentoring and coaching.
- Access up-to-date technology for professional development and knowledge sharing.
- Enjoy collegial support and networking with fellow therapists.
- Develop specialisation in your areas of interest.

5. Work as a professional team member whilst maintaining autonomy

- Collaborate, build relationships and learn from a multi-disciplinary education team.
- Enjoy acknowledgement for your contributions as a valued member of the school and wider community.



Employment requirements

To work as an occupational therapist in Queensland state schools you will need:

- a qualification in occupational therapy from an accredited university.
- current registration to practise as an occupational therapist in Australia or the ability to gain registration.

Visit www.ahpra.gov.au for more information.

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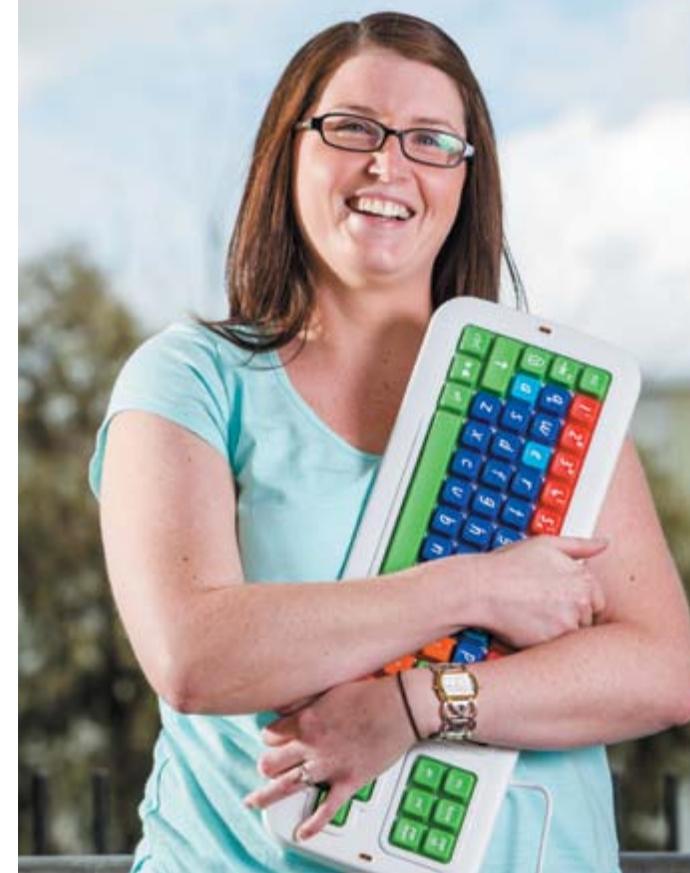
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Working in education in Queensland

Occupational therapy in education

Working as an occupational therapist in Queensland state schools is a rewarding career choice that can make a real difference to the education outcomes of children with disabilities. As an occupational therapist working for the Department of Education, Training and Employment you will:

- assess students' development and the functional skills needed for studying, working and playing in their daily environment
- adapt equipment, the environment, or the use of technology to help students participate as independently as possible in the school program
- work as a member of the education team, adapting school activities to help students achieve their educational goals
- contribute to professional development, training and resource development for education teams and the wider school community
- work as part of a regional team visiting a range of schools to provide services to students
- liaise with other agencies in the community that provide services to children and young people with disabilities.

Department of Education, Training and Employment occupational therapists use specialised knowledge of the foundation skills and abilities required for learning including:

- movement and sensory skills such as hand skills, coordination, strength and endurance, sensory awareness and processing
- cognitive skills such as thinking, remembering, attending and problem-solving
- psychosocial skills such as sharing, interacting with others and developing friendships.

Real life stories



'I find my job really enjoyable with lots of opportunity to grow. It gives me the flexibility to have a healthy work-life balance.'

'I've also had very practical professional development opportunities and great mentorship support from my colleagues.'

Pearce Hutchinson

'My job has a lot of variety. I'm always working with a range of children who have many different challenges. I get to work with lots of different teaching staff on a daily basis as well as other health professionals.'

Jessica Fawdon



'If you're after a dynamic and diverse workplace then this is the job for you. I like the way my job requires me to challenge my professional skills. I like the fact that I'm supporting young people with significant needs. I like the sense of community.'

Rebecca Lee

Rural opportunities

There are a number of special incentives available for occupational therapists working in rural locations including:

- subsidised housing
- appointment and relocation expenses (travel and removal costs) in most circumstances
- locality allowances for service in specified rural and remote locations
- an additional week of annual leave in specific rural locations.

'The experience and opportunities I have had working as a rural therapist have been life changing. You develop so much general life experience, great relationships within a close community and the opportunity to develop clinical experience in areas you never thought you could.'

'I have developed some lasting friendships with people here.'

'In country towns there is such a unique strength and resilience, and an incredibly strong sense of community that I had never really known or understood prior to moving from the city.'

Melissa Draper

