

# OCC432 Workplace research and innovation

**School:** School of Health - Occupational Therapy

2026 | Trimester 2

UniSC Sunshine Coast

**BLENDED  
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

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## 1. What is this course about?

### 1.1. Description

This is an advanced active workplace research course where you will participate and contribute to an innovation project a topic related to occupational therapy. You will directly apply in-class learning about innovation, research and project management to a collaborative project addressing a professional, clinical or practice issue. You will need to attend the honours conference in week 10.

### 1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
<b>BLENDED LEARNING</b>			
<b>Independent Study/Research</b> – Independent research activities conducted to contribute to group projects, based on online learning materials	8hrs	Week 1	12 times
<b>Laboratory 1</b> – Large group workshop laboratory	4hrs	Week 1	12 times
<b>Tutorial/Workshop 1</b> – Small group tutorial - face to face on campus	4hrs	Week 1	12 times

### 1.3. Course Topics

- Project-based learning
- Innovation
- Small-scale applied workplace-based research
- Literature searching and annotated bibliographies, types of literature review
- Research preparation
- Project management and planning, risk management
- Gathering existing and primary data
- Ethics and ethical conduct, and data management
- Data analysis and presentation of findings
- Project evaluation
- Creating digital resources - infographics, posters, videos
- Writing a project report and creating associated appendices

## 2. What level is this course?

400 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

## 3. What is the unit value of this course?

24 units

## 4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING *
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	Occupational Therapy Council of Australia Ltd
1 Gather, critique, consolidate, synthesise and report data from a range of sources (including research and stakeholder consultation).	Creative and critical thinker	2.1, 2.3, 2.8, 3.14
2 Create unique innovation/s using appropriate research methods.	Creative and critical thinker Engaged	2.3, 3.4, 3.14
3 Make judgements on quality of project execution including project limitations evidencing advanced theoretical knowledge in an area relevant to occupational therapy.	Creative and critical thinker	1.3, 1.10, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.8, 3.10, 3.11, 3.14
4 Adhere to set timelines, demonstrating responsibility and autonomy by completing a group innovation project.	Collaboration Organisation	1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 1.14
5 Communicate the project, its development, and selected evaluation to a professional audience in oral and written formats.	Empowered	4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11

\* Competencies by Professional Body

1.1	Complies with the OTBA standards, guidelines and code of conduct
1.3	Maintains professional boundaries in all client and professional relationships
1.4	Recognises and manages conflicts of interest in all client and professional relationships
1.10	Practices within limits of her/his own level of competence and expertise.
1.11	Maintains professional competence and adapts to change in practice contexts.
1.12	Identifies and uses relevant professional and operational support and supervision.
1.13	Manages resources, time and workload accountably and effectively.
1.14	Recognises and manages her/his own physical and mental health for safe, professional practice.
2.1	Applies current and evidence informed knowledge of occupational therapy and other appropriate and relevant theory in practice.
2.2	Applies theory and frameworks of occupation to professional practice and decision-making.
2.3	Identifies and applies best available evidence in professional practice and decision-making.
2.8	Reflects on practice to inform current and future reasoning and decision-making and the integration of theory and evidence into practice.
3.4	Develops a plan with the client and relevant others to meet identified occupational therapy goals.
3.10	Reviews, evaluates and modifies plans, goals and interventions with the client and relevant others to enhance or achieve client outcomes.
3.11	Evaluates client and service outcomes to inform future practice.
3.14	Contributes to quality improvement and service development.
4.1	Communicates openly, respectfully and effectively.
4.2	Adapts written, verbal and non-verbal communication appropriate to the client and practice context.
4.5	Complies with legal and procedural requirements for the responsible and accurate documentation, sharing and storage of professional information and records of practice.
4.6	Maintains contemporaneous, accurate and complete records of practice.
4.7	Obtains informed consent for practice and information-sharing from the client or legal guardian.
4.8	Maintains professional collaborative relationships with clients, health professionals and relevant others.
4.9	Uses effective communication skills to initiate and end relationships with clients and relevant others.
4.10	Seeks and responds to feedback, modifying communication and/or practice accordingly.
4.11	Identifies and articulates the rationale for practice to clients and relevant others.

## 5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

### 5.1. Pre-requisites

(OCC442 or OCC452) and OCC401 and enrolled in Program SC440 Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) - project pathway

### 5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

### 5.3. Anti-requisites

OCC422

#### 5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

You will have acquired knowledge, skills and experience in planning and conducting a research-informed project from pre-requisite courses.

#### 5.5. Microcredential Information

Not applicable

### 6. How am I going to be assessed?

#### 6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

#### 6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Weekly feedback will be provided to all students in their groups during tutorials from week 2.

#### 6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Literature Review (or component)	Individual	0%	150-250 words per annotation; 4-6 annotations; 600-1500	Week 2	In Class
All	2	Oral and Written Piece	Group	30%	Poster: 800 word equivalent, Oral: 3mins approx.	Week 9	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check and in class
All	3	Report	Group	30%	8000 words	Week 12	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	4	Oral	Individual	40%	15 mins approx.	Refer to Format	Exam Venue

**All - Assessment Task 1:** Annotated bibliography

<b>GOAL:</b>	This formative task provides an opportunity to demonstrate skills in searching, retrieving, consolidating, synthesising, and critiquing literature relevant to your group project.													
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Literature Review (or component)													
<b>AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:</b>														
<b>FORMAT:</b>	In-class sharing of individual annotated digital/printed bibliographies for peer and tutor feedback. See Canvas for details.													
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**All - Assessment Task 2:** Innovation Project Poster Presentation

<b>GOAL:</b>	To communicate your project development to an audience of industry professionals.																			
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Oral and Written Piece																			
<b>AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:</b>																				
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Poster and oral presentation. See Canvas for details.																			
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### All - Assessment Task 3: Innovation Project Report

<b>GOAL:</b>	This task provides you with the opportunity to develop transferable skills in critical thinking, communication and teamwork. Additionally, executing and presenting a group innovation project will demonstrate responsibility and autonomy in learning.																						
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Report																						
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### All - Assessment Task 4: Innovation Project Oral Defence

<b>GOAL:</b>	The goal of this assessment item is to give you an opportunity to communicate an overview of your group innovation project and provide informed responses, generated from your individual participation in this task.																			
<b>PRODUCT:</b>	Oral																			
<b>AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:</b>																				
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Face-to-face oral defence. Week 15. See canvas for details and schedule.																			
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## 7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

## 8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

### 8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

You need regular access to the resource(s) below. Many texts are available as ebooks through the [Library](#) at no additional cost.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	EDITION	PUBLISHER
Required	Zina O'Leary, Jennifer S. Hunt	2016	Workplace Research	n/a	Sage Publications Limited

### 8.2. Specific requirements

Students should access Canvas for all course requirements. Queries regarding assessment will be addressed on Canvas discussion pages instead of email. Other issues can be discussed with your course coordinator and tutors via appointment during designated contact hours as specified on Canvas.

Students will be expected to wear their UniSC Occupational Therapy uniform for practice education activities throughout their degree. This includes meetings with stakeholders and face-to-face assessments (unless otherwise directed by your industry contact). You will need to attend and present at the UniSC Honours conference (details to be communicated on Canvas)

## 9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

## 10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

### 10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

### 10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

#### Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

- (a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%; and
- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

### 10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

- Less than 15 minutes: No penalty
- From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty
- More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

#### 10.4. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

#### 10.5. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

#### 10.6. General Enquiries

For course-specific questions, contact your teaching staff or Course Coordinator.

For other enquiries or to access support, please contact Student Central:

- [UniSC Student Central](#)
- [UniSC Adelaide Student Central](#)