



Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences

Occupational Therapy placement map

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Occupational Therapy students will complete 1,000 hours of practice based learning across a range of health and social care settings as part of the standards set by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).

UWE Bristol work closely with a range of placement providers and aim for students to undertake three different professional practice placements (at least one physical and one psychosocial placement) across inpatient and community settings.

The University will allocate placements and students need to be prepared to travel to or, in some cases, stay away from home during placements.

The map overleaf gives an approximation of the geographical area from which we source our placements. Our placement providers develop and change over time, and we have a robust system of audit and quality assurance in place to ensure stimulating and high quality-learning environments.

Some examples of our placement providers are:

Psychosocial practice:

Occupational therapists work in a range of settings that aim to support people with psychological and social challenges. We work in partnership with:

- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP), a significant provider of inpatient, community and specialist services across Wiltshire, Bristol, Bath, North Somerset and Swindon.
- 2Gether Trust, a specialist NHS Foundation trust providing social and mental health care services throughout Gloucestershire.
- Private providers e.g. Cygnet Hospital, Kewstoke which provides an emergency admissions service for men and a pathway for women from low secure to locked rehabilitation including a specialist service for personality disorder.
- A variety of learning disabilities teams, such as Bristol Central Community Learning Disabilities Team.

Physical health practice:

We source physical health placements from the primary and secondary care NHS Trusts across the region, as well as social enterprises, private providers and local authority social services and housing departments. Providers include:

- North Bristol NHS Trust and University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.
- Royal United Hospitals Foundation Trust, Bath.
- Bristol City Council.

- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust.
- North Somerset Community Partnership.
- Virgin Care and many more.

Secondary care placements can involve working on hospital acute care wards, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation units or in emergency departments. Primary and community care could involve working on specialist care teams, re-ablement teams and in care homes. Whilst in local authorities there are specialist teams addressing long-term conditions and community living with assistive technology and environmental adaptations.

Role emerging placements:

UWE Bristol third year students have the opportunity to complete their final placement in a role emerging setting where students work together in an organisation that does not have an established occupational therapy service. Students are supervised by a qualified Occupational Therapist. Previous role emerging placements have included St Mungo's homeless services, Leonard Cheshire Homes for people with disabilities and Off the Record - a young person's mental health and support service.

International:

There may be an opportunity for students to complete their final year placement overseas as part of Erasmus at universities such as: The University of Tromsø, the Norwegian University of the Arctic Circle.

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