

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Lecturer Occupational Therapy



POSITION DETAILS

Position Title	Lecturer in Occupational Therapy
Classification	Academic Level B
Position Number	7016118
School/Office	School of Health Sciences
Division	Provost

POSITION PURPOSE

This role requires a forward-thinking, dynamic, and innovative scholar, with responsibilities spanning teaching and curriculum design of units across the School, including within occupational therapy and related disciplines. The role involves contributing to scholarship, research, and professional expertise within the discipline, particularly in areas such as disability across the lifespan, mental health, and/or rehabilitation and aged care. The role engages with relevant discipline groups, collaborating with teaching staff in the School and Faculty and fostering connections across the University and with external stakeholders.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Coordinate, design, deliver, and evaluate relevant teaching subjects including feedback and assessment.
2. Participate in teaching and collaborate with colleagues to deliver undergraduate teaching informed and underpinned by research, facilitating the transition of undergraduate students to postgraduate research and study.
3. Demonstrated experience in the delivery of high-quality teaching and program development in one or more of the discipline's core domains.
4. Participate in research and supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate research students in collaboration (where relevant) with other academic staff.
5. Identify, attract, and develop quality higher degree research students.
6. Publish research articles in high quality and high impact journals.
7. Prepare and submit quality internal and external research grant proposals.
8. Establish collaborations across the school, faculty and university with staff and communicate and support students to help them realise their academic success.
9. Participate in administration and attend meetings as required within the School, Faculty and University.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

1. A PhD in a field relevant to Occupational Therapy, or be working toward completion of a PhD, along with recognised Occupational Therapy Qualifications and AHPRA registration.
2. A record of excellent teaching and learning in a tertiary environment, as evidenced through feedback (from students, peers, and/or supervisor)
3. Demonstrated experience in developing a network of relationships with key academic, industry and professional institutions, partners and stakeholders
4. Demonstrated capability in research or scholarship that will enable them conduct Scholarship of Teaching and Learning; has (relative to opportunity) a record of peer-reviewed research, creative work, or scholarship published or disseminated in high-quality outlets for their discipline.
5. Demonstrated experience in the supervision of research students at Honours and higher degree level.
6. Experience (individually or as part of a team) in writing successful research grant proposals.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

- **This position reports to:** Head of Discipline, Occupational Therapy and Podiatry Associate Professor
- **This position supervises:** Nil
- **Key internal relationships:**
 - Executive Dean
 - Dean
 - Academic colleagues in the discipline group, Faculty and University
 - Students
- **Key external relationships:**
 - Higher education sector and academic colleagues, industry and professional colleagues

CHALLENGES

- Delivering high undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in a period of change and development
- Engagement in scholarship, research, or professional development activities relevant to their discipline or profession.
- Supporting and contributing to the strategic direction of the school.

UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS

The University expects that all employees are aware of, and comply with legislation and Western's policies and procedures relevant to the position, including but not limited to:

- Code of Conduct
- Work Health and Safety and Wellbeing Management System
- Enterprise Agreement or Award
- Anti-discrimination principles, Equal Employment Opportunity and staff and student equity.

Approved by: People & Culture Partner (Faculty of Health)

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