THE GOOD UNIVERSITIES GUIDE 2020

REHABILITATION

This is a detailed profile of the rehabilitation field of study. It lists the range of specialisations available and compares degree-level courses. We examine the institutions that get the best ratings, based on real student experience and graduate outcome data, which will help you decide the right university for your educational journey.



REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation courses prepare you for occupations in fields such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology. Graduates can work in a broad range of settings in both public and private healthcare organisations.

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

UNDERGRADUATE POSTGRADUATE

Proportion of students who have secured a full-time job within four months of graduating.





\$61,200 UNDERGRADUATE

\$65,300 POSTGRADUATE

NUMBER OF STUDENTS



1,473 UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL

24,085 UNDERGRADUATE

7,037
POSTGRADUATE

Data has been sourced from the Graduate Outcomes Survey. Results are pooled to represent graduates who completed the survey in 2018, 2017 and 2016 Graduates complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey approximately four months post-graduation.

WHAT CAN I DO?



Health Care



Personal Training



Health Counselling



Rehabilitation



Disability Care



Exercise Physiology



FIVE-STAR UNIVERSITIES

REHABILITATION

EDUCATIONAL	l
EXPERIENCE	

FLINDERS 96.7%

NOTRE DAME 94.6%

ECU 93.5%

ACU 92.7%

NATIONAL AVERAGE = 86.6%

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

CANBERRA 100.0%
CQUni 96.3%
NEWCASTLE 95.6%
JCU 94.4%

NATIONAL AVERAGE = 86.6%

LEARNER FNGAGEMENT

FLINDERS 96.7%

NOTRE DAME 87.5%

ECU 84.8%

QUEENSLAND 83.8%

NATIONAL AVERAGE = 75.4%

LEARNING RESOURCES

 SUNSHINE COAST
 95.8%

 WESTERN SYDNEY
 94.0%

 NEWCASTLE
 93.1%

 GRIFFITH
 92.8%

NATIONAL AVERAGE = 88.3%

MEDIAN STARTING SALARY

 NOTRE DAME
 \$67,200

 CANBERRA
 \$65,000

 FLINDERS
 \$63,000

NATIONAL AVERAGE = \$61,200

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

 FLINDERS
 100.0%

 CANBERRA
 95.0%

 ECU
 94.6%

 QUEENSLAND
 93.9%

 JCU
 93.8%

 NOTRE DAME
 93.6%

 CSU
 93.5%

NATIONAL AVERAGE = 90.1%

STUDENT SUPPORT

ECU 90.0%

SUNSHINE COAST 86.3%

JCU 86.2%

WESTERN SYDNEY 84.2%

MONASH 83.7%

NATIONAL AVERAGE = 78.3%

TEACHING QUALITY

ECU 97.8%

FLINDERS 96.4%

NOTRE DAME 94.1%

ACU 93.8%

NATIONAL AVERAGE = 88.6%

WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN? The ratings above represent the top 20 per cent of results for each measure in this particular field of study. For overall institution results, see the ratings section at the front of the guide.

REHABILITATION

The following are just some of the majors you can study in this field:

- Audiology
- Chiropractic
- Occupational therapy
- Optometry
- · Orthoptics
- Osteopathy
- · Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Speech pathology

Rehabilitation courses prepare you for occupations that are closely aligned with other health professions, particularly medicine. They are highly regulated and include fields such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology.

Graduates in this field can work in a broad range of settings in both public and private healthcare organisations. They may find themselves working in hospitals, rehabilitation centres, community health centres, private practice, schools, mental health services, sports clinics, sporting teams or fitness centres. They may also work in government departments or universities in managerial or research positions.

If you are interested in this field, you should also consider courses in dentistry, medicine, nursing, psychology and veterinary science. Also, be aware that the mainstream health professions are increasingly being challenged by newer 'natural' therapies. See the health services and support profile for more information.

COURSES AND SPECIALISATIONS

Courses in the rehabilitation professions typically involve four years of full-time study and several core subjects required to gain professional accreditation. Many involve practical placements, and considerable amounts of time may need to be spent in a clinical setting gaining hands-on experience.

WHERE TO STUDY

You cannot practise unless you meet the very strict requirements set by each profession. This means that the courses within each field tend to be very similar no matter where you do them, although the sub-fields are obviously very different from each other. When considering your course options, you may want to check out what each institution offers in the way of clinical facilities and placements.

These courses are still in fairly limited supply, meaning that, depending on where you live, you might have to be prepared to travel to study your preferred course. Demand for entry is high, making them tough to get into in some cases.



CLAUDIA



GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF PHYSICAL EXCERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

I chose to study at Federation University because I come from a small coastal town and I liked the feeling of community that Federation has to offer. I knew that coming here, I would be a valued student, not just a face in the crowd.

I began my studies in the Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science, which has guided me down the career stream of rehabilitation and has allowed me to enter post-graduate studies in clinical exercise physiology. I chose this post graduate diploma because my undergraduate degree fostered my love for helping people and my interest in the human body, rehabilitation and exercise physiology.

Throughout both courses I have completed over 700 hours of industry-based placement, which has provided me with experience, essential skills and knowledge that will prepare me for my future career in rehabilitation.