**School of Health Care**

Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapists help people with health problems to become more self-reliant – at home, at work and during their free time. Clients are as varied as the complaints you are treating. Occupational Therapy is a form of guidance and treatment for children, adults and elderly people with a temporary or permanent disability or other health problems.

* **Number of European Credits: 20 European Credits.**
* **Autumn or Spring Semester**
* **These courses are open to Occupational Therapy students**
* **During the placement period students do an internship in two different settings, with a duration of 11 weeks, working four days per week .**
* **They also attend workshops and coaching moments to make a short bachelor project at Odisee, campus Terranova in Brussels during one week.**
* **Traineeship (15 ECTS)**

Your professional skills will be trained in a ‘safe’ environment in two different clinical departments related to physical rehabilitation, neurology or psychiatry, elderly care or the treatment of patients with non-congenital brain injuries. You will actively participate, observe and prepare occupational therapy sessions with patients in different settings, guided and supervised by a traineeship mentor.

You will learn about methodological abilities, writing about and investigating your clients, their pathology and occupational problems, all using an evidence based framework.

As a first option you can opt for a **6 week+5 week** traineeship at two different Belgian institutions.

The second option comprises a **6 week+3.5 week** traineeship, first at a Belgian institution and then at an orphanage in Jaszkotle (Poland), where you will work with very young children and multiple pathologies. Additional costs apply to participate in this project (supported by TAPAS <http://www.therapy-tapas.org>)

* **Short Bachelor Project (5 ECTS)**

This course immerses you in occupational science. You will develop life-long-learning abilities such as research, learn to think critically from scientific articles, answer clinical questions , write a short literature review about a topic of your choice and present your results to other students. This is a **literary study of 1 week**.