

# KAB309

## Clinical Occupational Therapy

### Brief description

In this module, projects are aimed at “design and implementation of activity”, which forms a core element in the daily work of the occupational therapist. In order to achieve this, third-year students undertake an applied mini-research project in group format that is usually aimed at specific community development goals within the scope of occupational therapy practice.

### Community partners

- Children at Neo Day Care Centre, Mangaung, and Lerato Crèche, Bainsvlei
- Mental health-care users at the Kosmos and Long-Term Wards, Free State Psychiatric Complex
- Residents at Eden Ministries, Bloemfontein
- Residents at Ons Tuiste and Mooihawe Old-Age Homes, Bloemfontein

### Service sector partners

- Free State Department of Health
- Free State Psychiatric Complex, Occupational Therapy Department

### Outcomes for students

As in the first and second year, the ultimate aims of the module are: (1) for students to grow professionally by learning more about the profession through practical experience, to grow personally and to develop their social responsiveness; and (2) to contribute to the achievement of community

development goals. In addition to these general outcomes, a specific outcome for third-year students is to become familiar with the research process in a supportive, non-threatening environment.

### Service learning component

Third-year students undertake mini-research projects in groups to expose them to the research process. Research activities (projects) are compiled by the coordinating occupational therapist in collaboration with the community and service sector partners to investigate a specific “issue” related to occupation in the community. Where possible, students are afforded the opportunity to implement the findings and recommendations of their research projects.

### Impact on community

The service outcomes, tangible benefits and community development priorities differ depending on the goals and needs of the specific community. Depending on their goals, research projects are designed in such a way so as to answer important questions and address important issues for the community.



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Third year

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