

# Healthcare Science Career of the Week



## Allied Health Professional Occupational Therapist

Pay Scale: Band 5 to 7: £21,000-£40,500

### AMAZING FACT

Occupational Therapists help people every single day recover from injury & disability. It's not all physical either, psychology and behaviours of patients are also treated.

When I first heard of an Occupational Therapist, I thought they just sat at a desk all day asking questions to get people back to work. How wrong that was!

They work in kinds of settings from hospitals, to community clinics, GP surgeries & even people's homes. It's not all about getting people back into work either. One of their biggest aims is to give patients their independence back after surgery, illness, disease or accident.

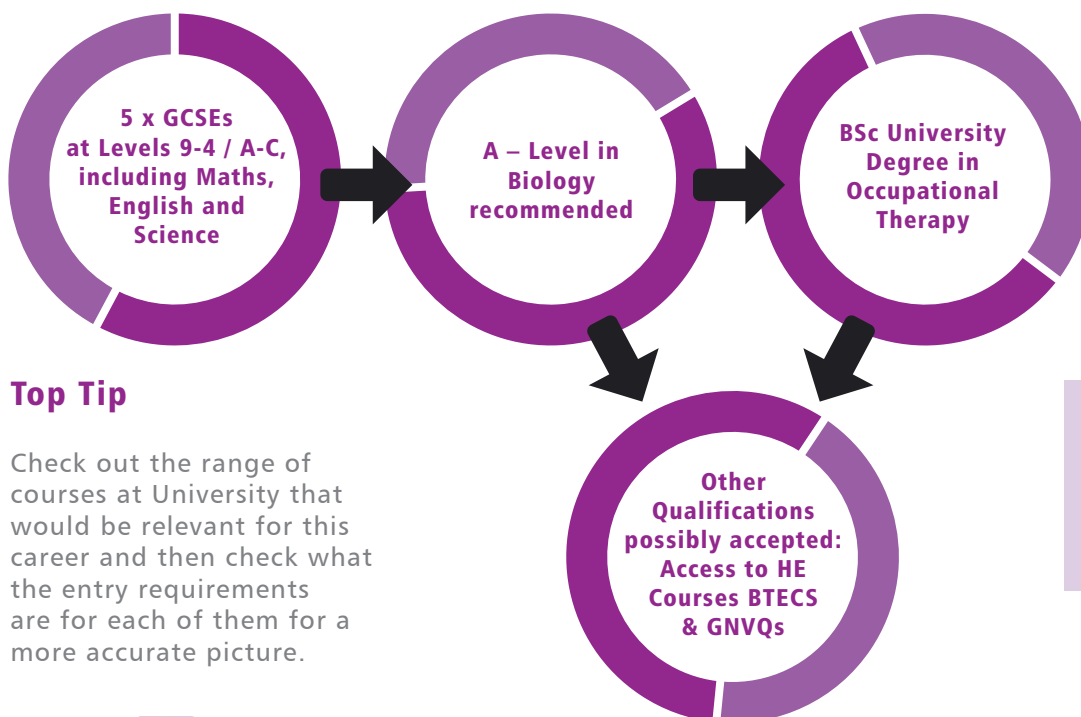
They would also work with so many different types of people from young to old, which makes the job so interesting but also calls for many different skills in communication, patience & enthusiasm.



#### SEARCH

If you want even more info on this career, you can check out the British Association of Occupational Therapists. Visit their website here [www.cot.co.uk](http://www.cot.co.uk)

### What to do to get into this career...



#### Top Tip

Check out the range of courses at University that would be relevant for this career and then check what the entry requirements are for each of them for a more accurate picture.



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There were 34 courses listed on UCAS for Occupational Therapy at the time of writing.



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