

Occupational Therapy Clinic for Children

Maximising School Participation and Performance



Are you worried about your child's school performance?

Does your child have any of the following difficulties?

- Poor drawing, colouring and/or cutting skills
- Messy or slow handwriting
- Delayed motor skills
- Can't concentrate in class
- Has difficulty interacting with peers
- Doesn't enjoy kindy/school
- Becomes distressed in the classroom
- Can't keep up with work in class
- Teacher has concerns with child's learning or behaviour

OT @ ECU may be able to help your child

At the beginning of each school year, Occupational Therapy at ECU run groups at the Joondalup Community Clinical School located on site at Joondalup Health Campus. These student run groups are currently **free of charge** and aim to improve school participation and performance for children who are in the early years of primary school.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Your child will be offered a screening assessment in late January. This assessment will be conducted by experienced paediatric occupational therapists and lecturers. If required, your child will be offered intervention in a group setting during term 1 or term 2 of the year they are assessed.

The clinic usually offers the following groups:

- 1) **Ready, Steady, School** is a school readiness group for kindy and pre-primary students. Typically these groups run once a week for five weeks from 9:15-10:15am.
- 2) **Ready, Steady, Succeed** is a group that aims to develop essential school skills for children in years 1, 2 and 3. Typically these groups run once a week for five weeks from 3:30-4:30pm.

Each group runs for 1 hour per week 5 weeks.

HELPING ECU STUDENTS TO LEARN

Second-year ECU occupational therapy students work in the clinic with experienced clinicians. Participation in this program not only benefits you and your child, but also contributes to the education and experience of future Occupational Therapists.

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SERVICE?

Your child is eligible if they are attending primary school in Western Australia in the year they are assessed and are NOT registered or eligible to be registered with the NDIS.

HOW CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Please e-mail an expression of interest to jccs@ecu.edu.au, and include the following information in the e-mail:

Parent Information

- Name
- E-mail address
- Contact Number

Child's information:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- School name and year attending
- Brief outline of difficulties that your child is currently experiencing
- Information regarding any previous therapy

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

Once you have sent your expression of interest to clinic staff, you will receive an e-mail receipt and your child's name will be registered as a possible member of the groups. In January, you will be contacted for further information and, if eligible, your child may be offered an Occupational Therapy screening assessment prior to commencing the group program.

Please note: places are limited and therefore not all children will be accepted into the group program. Parents will be contacted in the order that they apply and therefore, you should register your interest today.

MORE INFORMATION

Please contact clinic staff on jccs@ecu.edu.au if you would like further information about these groups.



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW: jccs@ecu.edu.au