



Allied Health Graduate Programs (Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy)

Start your career with us

About Bass Coast Health

We are a rapidly expanding health service that is growing to meet the region's health needs, now and into the future.

Bass Coast Health provides a range of surgical, medical, obstetrics, oncology, allied health, rehabilitation and community-based services across three sites:

1. Wonthaggi Hospital (the local sub-regional hospital),
2. San Remo site, and
3. Phillip Island Health Hub.



Wonthaggi Hospital

Bass Coast Health expands – A new cancer centre and hospital

Graduate Allied Health Professionals joining Bass Coast Health in 2023 will get to work in the completed construction of the \$115m Wonthaggi Hospital expansion. The hospital expansion will include 18 extra emergency treatment spaces, three operating theatres, and a 32-bed surgical and paediatric inpatient ward.



The \$115 million new Wonthaggi Hospital will offer allied health professional more work opportunities

Where we are

Graduate Allied Health Professionals working at Bass Coast Health can enjoy an idyllic lifestyle. The Bass Coast region has a world famous coastline, lush hinterland, welcoming community groups, affordable accommodation, and many shops and services.

There are opportunities for recreation, sport, theatre, hobbies and a vibrant social life, and the dual lane highway to Melbourne means that the city is within easy reach.



***Woolamai Beach, Phillip Island.
Photo: Bass Coast Shire Council***

The ideal start to your allied health career

The Allied Health Graduate Programs (OT and Physiotherapy) at Bass Coast Health will give you the opportunity to take part in rotations across a variety of streams.

- Emergency Department
- Acute Ward
- Sub-Acute
- Community
- Aged Care



Occupational Therapy Clinical Educator Jenna Davis discussing wheelchair fitting with Graduate OT Miriam

Expand your knowledge and skills

The Allied Health Graduate Programs (OT and Physiotherapy) will provide you with a supportive work environment. Through practice and education, the program helps graduates become confident and competent clinicians.

The objectives of the graduate year are:

- To provide graduates with opportunities to develop and refine their knowledge and skills in their clinical rotation areas
- To provide a supportive environment to facilitate learning opportunities and the transition from student to professional
- To further develop critical thinking skills
- To consolidate time management and organisational strategies
- To expand on communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team
- To encourage ongoing personal and professional development.



Physiotherapy Clinical Educator Dr Cassie McDonald (L) in the Physio Gym with Physiotherapist Annabelle discussing a rehabilitation program.

Be supported during your Graduate Year

Graduate Orientation Program

BCH will include a comprehensive orientation program run by the Human Resources Department and the Learning and Development Department. You will participate in the same orientation program that all employees are offered and additional supported orientation to help you settle into your new role.

Graduates also receive:

- **Regular clinical supervision from a Grade 2 Allied Health Professional in their department**
- **Access to the Regional Interprofessional Allied Health Graduate Program (monthly sessions), and a range of other learning and development opportunities**
- **Clinical support from the Learning and Development Team**
- **Support from the broader Allied Health Team, Nursing and Medical colleagues within their clinical areas**

Graduate PAID Study Days

The Allied Health Graduate Programs (OT and Physiotherapy) offers three internal, paid study days during the twelve month period. The study days consist of both theoretical, clinical and career development content, which is based on the individual learning needs of the graduates. Each session is conducted by experienced allied health professionals and educators. Graduates also have the opportunity to use the on-site simulation facilities to practise their skills. The remaining two study days (as per EBA entitlements) are graduates choice.

Hear from our Graduates

Sarah Maley – Physiotherapy Graduate (2021)

Q) What made you choose Bass Coast Health for your Graduate Year?

A) *I was able to stay close to family and friends, and the program had rotations (I knew I would get a wide range of exposures for my grad year)*

Q) What was experience like completing your Graduate Year, what were the best parts?

A) *The people were the best part (staff and patients), being able to follow patients through their journey from ED, Acute and then Rehab – the whole process was great*

Q) Would you recommend a Graduate Year Program at Bass Coast Health, and why?

A) *You get a really great generalist set of Physiotherapy skills, and you get to learn in a supportive environment.*

Q) Can you share your career journey to date?

A) *I've completed all rotations as a Graduate and then Gr 1 Physio (Acute, Sub-Acute, Community, Geriatrics and ED Support). I've recently transitioned into a Grade 2 role in community outpatients, but I'm able to provide cover in all areas as I've had experience during my rotations.*

Hear from Sarah about her career development after completing her graduate program in 2021.

How do you apply?

Requirements of the position are:

- Valid Police check
- Working with Children check
- COVID-19 vaccination in accordance with the Chief Health Officer COVID-19 mandatory vaccination directives
- Flu vaccination



*Learning & Development Manager Trina Coxon (L)
with Graduate Coordinator Jo O'Connor (R)*

All prospective Allied Health Graduates (Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy) please apply via <https://basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au/>

Advantages of Bass Coast Health Allied Health Graduate Program

Great clinical work & a supportive learning environment

- ✓ A variety of rotations
- ✓ Experienced clinical supervisors and clinical educators
- ✓ Comprehensive orientation program
- ✓ Supported goal setting to tailor your professional development
- ✓ Paid internal study days
- ✓ Regular department in-service education sessions
- ✓ Study/conference leave as per EBA

Other benefits

- ✓ Subsidised accommodation for a fixed term (6 weeks) for staff new to the region to assist with their transition
- ✓ Subsidised external study days (within program guidelines)
- ✓ Discounted gym membership
- ✓ Free immunisation
- ✓ Free staff car parking
- ✓ Salary packaging

Would you like to know more?

For further information about the Allied Health Graduate Programs (OT and Physiotherapy), contact the Bass Coast Health Learning and Development team via email graduatecoordinator@basscoasthealth.org.au or by phoning 03 5671 3280



So, what are you waiting for? Apply for Bass Coast Health Today!