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**JUST-CRS**  
Clinical Rehabilitation Science

# New Master Degree

in Clinical  
Rehabilitation  
Sciences



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# WELCOME



Thank you for your interest in **the JUST Clinical Rehabilitation Sciences** Master's Program "JUST-CRS".  
And thank you for your interest in our newsletter.

In this newsletter, we bring you the good news of launching our long-awaited master program, the JUST-CRS Master Program.

In this master program, all expertise from all consortium partners are brought together to create and implement an innovative interdisciplinary curriculum that aims to improve the quality of rehabilitation services and improve the quality of rehabilitation higher education in Jordan.

**Your feedback is highly valuable and appreciated.**

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On behalf of JUST-CRS Team,  
**Dr. Mohammad Nazzal**



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# PROJECT LAUNCH New Master Degree in Clinical Rehabilitation Sciences

faculty of Applied Medical Sciences at

# JUST



**The Clinical Rehabilitation Sciences Master Program** has been officially launched within the faculty of Applied Medical Sciences at Jordan University of Science and Technology. This master program was accredited and approved lately by the Jordanian Accreditation & Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions (HCEA). This accreditation process marks the highest level certificate of any academic program before it starts. It is worthy to mention that this process was preceded also by the approval for the program by the Higher Council of Higher Education at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Jordan Mid August.

The accreditation decision came in early October 2017 after the first academic

semester 2017/2018 has already started. JUST administration has been very keen on starting this JUST-CRS Master program as early as possible, as it was scheduled on the original project proposal.

“This is an amazing milestone that we have achieved in this project, to launch a master program, to create a curriculum based on a needs assessment from scratch” Dr. Mohammad Nazzal, project coordinator stated. He iterated “This has been a very tough process for all, and thank you partners always for your support. We definitely could not have done this without your unconditional support”. He also thanked The JUST administration for being very supportive and providing all logistical support for the project and the program.

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# STUDENT SELECTION

The **JUST-CRS** consortium partners believe that a quality higher education in clinical rehabilitation sciences start with attracting and selecting quality prospective students.

The overall aim of the students' Selection work package is to serve as a quality gatekeeper for the selection of prospective students into the program. The specific aims of this work package are to ensure the enrolment of highly competent students who can cope with and succeed on the course of the new master program, and to promote transparent selection of quality candidates.

The selection criteria was based on the discussion with our Jordanian and European partners of **the JUST-CRS** consortium, all the while abiding with the overall rules and regulations that are implemented by the Deanship of Graduate Studies at Jordan University of Science & Technology.

Besides the selection criteria already implemented at JUST, the program has impeded new criteria on professional and career developments, community service as well as participation and attendance of professional continuing education.

**The first cohort of JUST-CRS Master program**, consisting of 18 high-achieving students, was selected and enrolled into the JUST-CRS masters program. They would become the **FIRST-EVER** Cohort of students attending this interdisciplinary master's program in Jordan and the Arab World.

# JUST-CRS HIGHLIGHTS

## **The Clinical Rehabilitation Sciences Master Program at Jordan University of Science & Technology (JUST-CRS)**

- The first ever interdisciplinary master program of its kind, for both occupational and physical therapy, in Jordan and the Arab World.
- Co-funded by the European Union- Erasmus Plus Program
- A carefully-designed curriculum following most-up-to-date international and European standards as well as National Jordanian standards.
- Accredited by the Jordanian Accreditation & Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions (HCEA)
- Distinguished academic faculty professors from all consortium partners institutions: ESSA in Portugal, Hacettepe University in Turkey and Oxford Brookes University in the UK as well as the University of Jordan, The Hashemite University and the host university; Jordan University of Science & Technology.
- Funded Clinical internships for 20 students at some of the best rehabilitation centers affiliated with our European partner institutions (Travel and cost of stay fully covered)

# JUST-CRS FAQS



## **Q1: What is JUST-CRS?**

A1: JUST-CRS stands for the Clinical Rehabilitation Sciences at Jordan University of Science & Technology (JUST), an Erasmus Plus Capacity Building in Higher Education Project which is co-funded by the European Union. The aim of the project is to establish a master program that is hosted by JUST in interdisciplinary clinical rehabilitation sciences. All activities of the project are conducted in closer relationship with European partners.

## **Q2: Who are the partners of JUST-CRS grant project and program?**

A2: JUST-CRS consortium consists of Oxford Brookes University (OBU) from UK, ESSA from Portugal, Hacettepe University from Turkey, Hashemite University, University of Jordan and the “grant holder” Jordan University of Science & Technology from Jordan.

## **Q3: Where is JUST-CRS hosted?**

A3: JUST-CRS will be hosted within the Rehabilitation Sciences Department, Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences, at Jordan University of Science & Technology (JUST), Irbid, Jordan.

A4: JUST-CRS is distinguished by its curriculum (please view at [crs.just.edu.jo](http://crs.just.edu.jo)). Curriculum was built based on the extensive work of 35+ academic experts in the rehabilitation sciences from all of JUST-CRS partners in Europe and in Jordan. Curriculum was built based on Bologna Process which promotes high standards of higher education in Europe. Curriculum follows Jordanian standards as well as European standards in terms of quality,

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credit hour calculations which can promote transferability of credit between academic institutions. JUST-CRS was built based on extensive needs' assessment of rehabilitation needs of academicians, students, therapists, business stakeholders and most importantly patients. JUST-CRS is an interdisciplinary program which accepts both occupational therapists and physical therapists with a bachelor degree into the program.

## **Q5: What does it mean to say that JUST-CRS is an interdisciplinary program?**

A5: JUST-CRS follows the international trend of interdisciplinary education in rehabilitation sciences. Many international programs around the world are interdisciplinary for both OTs and PTs. Curriculum was built with the two professions in mind, because both have very strong ties. Students of both backgrounds will sit in the same classes. The two professions' identity are still preserved as the students will bring in their experiences from the two professions to each topic discussed. Students will also have clinical education and training based on their professions (I.e OT students will have OT clinical training and bring on their interdisciplinary bag of tricks learned from this program). Students will also pick a thesis topic that is oriented to their profession. Therefore, the two professions' identities are still preserved.

## **Q6: Can a graduate of this program who holds a bachelor's degree in OT, become a PT, and Vice versa?**

A6: No! The two professions' identities are still preserved. You licensure is based on the bachelor's level.

## **Q7: How long is JUST-CRS grant? When does it end?**

A7: JUST-CRS started in October 15th 2016 and it will end October 14th 2019. However, the JUST-CRS Master program (the byproduct of the grant) is going to keep accepting students in the foreseeable future.

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## **Q8: How long does it take for a student to complete the JUST-CRS master's program?**

A8: JUST-CRS master program consists of 36 Credit Hours, which will take a minimal of two years to complete.

## **Q9: Is JUST-CRS master's program a thesis oriented or comprehensive exam based?**

A9: JUST-CRS master program is thesis oriented program ONLY.

## **Q10: Is JUST-CRS program accredited?**

A10: JUST-CRS has just received its accreditation from the National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions (<http://www.heac.org.jo/>) .

## **Q11: Is JUST-CRS master's program a thesis oriented or comprehensive exam based?**

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## **Q12: Is there a clinical component in the JUST-CRS master's program?**

A12: JUST-CRS master program consist of 2 months of clinical training (every day). The first patch of students (during the time of the EU grant) will be sent to Europe to have their training in very top-notch rehabilitation centers that are affiliated with our European partners.

## **Q13: What are the prospective graduate competencies for a graduate of the JUST-CRS master's program?**

A13: For more info please visit the project website ([crs.just.edu.jo](http://crs.just.edu.jo)).

## **Q14: When will JUST-CRS program start?**

A14: JUST Deanship of Graduate Studies has announced the program ([Click Here](#)), and accepting students into JUST-CRS master program starting from the first semester of the 2017/2018 academic year.



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## **Q15: How much is the tuition fees for the JUST-CRS program?**

A15: For more details on all master programs' issues, rules, and regulations, please visit the JUST Deanship of Graduate Studies

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A16: As per JUST tuitions for all graduate programs, the fees are as follows:  
JD 120 per Credit Hour for Jordanian applicants  
USD 500 per Credit Hour for non-Jordanian applicants

## **Q17: What are the English Language requirements of the JUST-CRS program?**

A17: For more details on the English Language requirements for this master program, please visit the JUST Deanship of Graduate Studies

# STUDENTS PROFILES



**Mrs. Ahlam Alqudah**

Class of 2019

**Being part of the JUST-CRS program** “is a very unique and exciting experience, yet a challenging one.” she adds “Since I joined the program, I have learnt how to think critically and how to use evidence-based literature to critique knowledge on daily basis”.

Ahlam is a Physical Therapist. Graduated from JUST in 2006 then she worked as a Teacher Assistant can clinical supervisor for six year at JUST

She reflects that she enrolled in the JUST-CRS program “to improve my clinical experience. Through this clinical rehabilitation program, I expect to learn new and different knowledge and skills, something that is based on scientific evidence, which will allow me to help my patients ”



**Mrs. Huda Alboriny**

Class of 2019

**Joining JUST-CRS** “is a chance to achieve quality skills which will further improve my professionalism and leadership in education, training and scientific research in the field of rehabilitation sciences”.

Huda is an Occupational Therapist (OT) graduated from The Hashemite University, Jordan in 2005. She has more than 12 years of experience as a clinical and laboratory supervisor at Hashemite University as well as an OT at a community-based rehabilitation center since 2015.

She reflects that being enrolled in the JUST-CRS program “will refine my skills and knowledge with scientific and practical expertise to meet the needs of the labor market.”

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**Ms. Safaa Nazzal**

Class of 2019

**Safaa is an Occupational Therapist** who graduated from JUST. She also worked as a Teacher Assistant for more than six years after her graduation

Safaa mentions that being a postgraduate student in JUST-CRS “means a new step and stage in my life, that I want to learn from it a lot.” She adds that “critical thinking, decision making, overcoming struggles and fear are my personal reasons for studying this master” and “aims to serve the society through community projects and research.”

Safaa also believes that a unique feature of the program that it is “from the European union which gives a rich diversity for the program”. She continues that she is thrilled to join the “first postgraduate program in clinical rehabilitation science.”



**Mrs. Rawan Suleiman**

Class of 2019

**Rawan believes that a** “being a master student increases my responsibilities and provides wealthy experience in my profession to provide the best of the best”. Rawan is an occupational therapist, graduated from JUST and currently working at Princess Basma Hospital.

She continues that it is exciting to be back to JUST which is now one of the top 500 universities. She also reflects that the program “includes a diversity of expertise from national and international universities and that the interdisciplinary nature of the program is another reason to join the program”.

Rawan reflects “ the program will increase my practical and scientific experiences in general” and that “master degree will put me in the beginning of the research road, which I was always been interested in”

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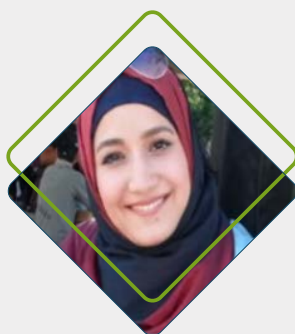
**Ms. Alza Alazrai**

Class of 2019

**Alza is an occupational therapist.** Graduated from JUST. She mentions that “I decided to continue my study as I was always keen to gain more knowledge and to improve my career as an occupational therapist”.

**She adds** that the occupational therapy profession is relatively new in Jordan and she “hopes to add to this profession aiming to serve the society”.

**She also reflects on** her future that “the CRS program will equip me with many research and clinical skills and provides as a major step to continue my PhD”



**Mrs. Amani Alardah**

Class of 2019

**Amani is an occupational therapist.** Graduated from Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan in 2013.

**She has been employed as** an occupational therapist in a rehabilitation center located in Amman.

She believes that “JUST-CRS is a special program with a special staff of professors, it is a unique program created for the first time here in Arab region.” She continues “CRS is helping us to learn how to build an interdisciplinary teamwork”. **She also mentions that** “it allows the students to interact and collaborate with international experts from European countries which will enrich us in almost all life fields not just the treatment and education fields”.

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**Ms. Donia Obeidat**

Class of 2019

**Donia is an Occupational Therapist** graduated from JUST. She is interested in physical dysfunction rehabilitation, especially work-related musculoskeletal disorders, ergonomics and returning to work. Having a BSc degree from JUST "gave me the first step to be an occupational therapist but having MSc will allow me to be a specialist in a specific area."

Joining the program "will add to my profession, as an occupational therapist providing the best evidence-based practice and will help me to develop my research in the are of interest."

**She adds that** one of the reasons to join JUST-CRS is that "it will allow me to communicate with an interdisciplinary team, which is a well-needed step to excel the rehabilitation process in Jordan"



**Mrs. Sabreen Obeid**

Class of 2019

**Sabreen obeid is an Occupational Therapist** who have been working at the Faculty of Rehabilitation, University of Jordan as a hand therapist for more than six years .

"Being a master student, is about a maturation stage, gaining new knowledge, and changing thinking habits positively" she comments.

**She also adds that** "getting a higher degree will give me an opportunity to find a new career in rehabilitation, especially being one of the first JUST-CRS cohort graduating from a leading university such as Jordanian University of Science and Technology."

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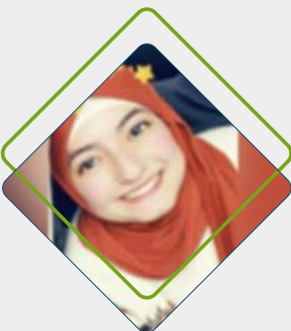
**Mrs. Hanan Jaber**

Class of 2019

**Hanan is an occupational therapist** who graduated from Jordan University of Science and Technology. She is currently working at JUST as a Teacher Assistance and clinical training supervisor.

**She aims,** through enrollment into the JUST-CRS program, to “have a step closer towards being a University academic” and that the program will help “manage my future personal project correctly”

She believes that “this program will be a good choice, strong project with its national and international collaborations will allow exchanging expertise”



**Ms. Tamara Lababneh**

Class of 2019

**A physical Therapist** who graduated from and currently works as a Teacher Assistant Jordan University of Science and Technology.

Tamara sees herself as “an academic member; this is what I planned to from my first year in the university”. She adds “many of my doctors inspired me to follow this academic tract encouraged me to do research which will help us, the therapists, to improve patients health.”

“I chose JUST-CRS program because I believe that we all, as health professionals, have to work together to deliver the best service to our patient in order to achieve the best outcomes” she confirms.

**She adds that** “this program provides a collaborative teamwork with the occupational therapist, which will widen my horizons by looking at things from other perspectives.”

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**Ms. Eman Allataifeh**

Class of 2019

**Eman is an occupational therapist** who graduated from Jordan University of Science and Technology/Jordan. She believes that “Being Master student enable me to make a change in occupational therapy practice in Jordan and make it more effective and client centered and directed “

**She wanted to** get her masters degree to “to develop my research field of interest and helping to provide the best evidence-based practice in the field of neurorehab, it is also my first step to pursue my PhD”

When she joined the program she aimed to “to make a change to occupational therapy practice in Jordan and to understand the interdisciplinary teamwork so we can achieve more effective outcome for the clients”.



**Mr. Hassan Alrabbaie**

Class of 2019

**Hassan is senior physiotherapist**, worked for 15 years, striving to be a pioneer in rehabilitation research and clinical practice.

He believes that the “master’s degree is the gate for self-development of rehabilitation science skills and knowledge, which will eventually enable me to become a better physiotherapist and researcher” He aims to “implement evidence-based practices to overcome day-to-day practice challenges.”

**Hassan decided to** join the CRS program for many reasons including “the prominent scientific reputation of JUST; opportunity to be of the first clinical rehabilitation sciences specialist in Jordan”. He adds that this program will provide “opportunities for me to deepen knowledge and skills in various areas of clinical rehabilitation science”

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**Mr. Ismail Alhaj Ismail**

Class of 2019

**Ismail is senior physiotherapist and the general manger** of Jabal Alhussain physiotherapy and rehabilitation center.

**He thinks that** there is “a huge gap between the academia and practice in the physical therapy major”. Therefore, programs such as JUST-CRS will help fill-in this gap. He adds that being part of the program will offer him the opportunity to have clinical training practice in foreign countries; “This advantage is awesome in my perspective, so I can learn more from the international expertise”.

**He also confirms that** JUST-CRS will allow advanced development and knowledge leading to “betters services, applying the most up to date evidence-based practice”



**Mr. Nedal Abu Salim**

Class of 2019

**Nedal is a physiotherapist** with more than 17 years of experience in the field of pediatric rehabilitation. By joining JUST-CRS he aims to “To further improve my work in the private sector by providing the best treatment services to patients that is based on rigorous scientific background.”

**He believes that** one of the program’s highlights is its national and international collaboration which will “increase the strength of the program.”

**He mentions that** being part of the program “increases my confidence and I am very happy to develop myself on both personal and professional levels.”



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**Mr. Musab Alzrigat**

Class of 2019

**Musab holds a Physical Therapy degree** and graduated from Jordan University of Science and Technology in 2015. Being a postgraduate student “means a completely different way of thinking and enables me to apply the gained knowledge in a daily basis at my job”

**He comments on** the reason behind joining JUST-CRS that it “includes a multinational professionals and academic professors from different countries around the world” and “we are excited to learn from their expertise”

The program will equip “us with skills such as evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning and interdisciplinary teamwork” which will help “us to become better scientists who will employ the latest evidence to improve our profession as well as patient outcomes.”



**Mr. Mohammad  
Al-Karasneh**

Class of 2019

**Mohammad holds a Physical Therapy degree** and graduated from Jordan University of Science and Technology in 2015. Being a postgraduate student “means that I’m a member of a scientific research environment and can interact with other researcher”

**He says that** he aims, though joining JUST-CRS, to “provide the best services that are based on scientific evidence to my clients” and “to obtain the most up to date knowledge from elite researchers and academics involved in the program”

“JUST is a highly ranked reputable higher education institution, both in Jordan and internationally”

**He also believes that** the program will “extend my knowledge, especially that JUS-CRS is an interdisciplinary program consisting of PTs & OTs”

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