

Development of an occupational therapy version of the planetary health report card

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What is Planetary Health Report Card (PHRC)?

Originally founded in **2019**, the Planetary Health Report Card is a **metric-based** tool for **evaluating and improving planetary health content** in health professional schools. At each participating institution, **student-led**, faculty-mentored teams fill out the report card, identifying opportunities for improvement and reaching out to relevant staff and faculty along the way. Results are published in an annual Earth Day report, which **helps track** institutional change over time

From: <https://phreportcard.org/>

5 areas and example questions

For details of the metrics - <https://phreportcard.org/metrics/>

- Planetary Health Curriculum, e.g.
 - Can students choose elective to get education on sustainable development?
 - Does the curriculum teach about how health (in several components) is impacted by climate change?
 - Does the curriculum teach/connect health, climate and wider determinants of health as well as injustice?
- Interdisciplinary Research
 - Are there research going on about planetary health at the university/ programme?
 - Is there interdisciplinary research happening?
 - Are service users (those most affected by climate change) involved in deciding what's on the research agenda?
- Institutional Support
 - Are there support for interested students in the means of information, group, doing research, student reps or co-curricular activities?
- Community Outreach And Advocacy
 - Is the university/programme partnering with community to promote planetary health e.g. by offering public talks or courses?
 - How often does the issue of planetary health feature in university communication?
 - Is there CPD on offer about planetary health that practice education partners can access?
- Campus Sustainability
 - Is there a sustainability office at the university?
 - Is there a plan for decarbonisation?
 - Is sustainability considered in decision making?

OT don't have one

But we are on it....



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What is Student Experience?



"I would just highlight the applicability of the PHRC to diverse contexts, particularly LMICs where the effects of poor planetary health are disproportionately magnified."

Sustainability is an interesting and very commonly talked about topic now but there doesn't seem to be much action around sustainable practices in OT and it doesn't come up very much in school curriculums (it tends to be a "do your own research and tell us what you find" thing)

It is an interesting concept and I enjoy learning from others who are more experienced and knowledgeable about sustainable practices in OT

"Over the past few months, an OT PHRC has been developed to provide OT students with a tool to consider how sustainability features in their education. It has been designed to incorporate the experiences of OT students internationally so they can evaluate their university's teaching, research efforts and their campus' attitude to sustainability."

Regarding my involvement in this development, it is deeply gratifying to work towards a cause larger than myself. Additionally, planetary health remains relatively uncharted in many low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), making it particularly fulfilling to embark on foundational work aimed at improving my community and continent.



What is the potential from the perspective of an OT lecturer?

- Education quality
- Employability for students
- Student voice co-curriculum

What were in the considerations?

- Decolonisation

