

HEALTH AND SOCIAL PRACTICE



Our Centre for Health and Social Practice provides high quality, fit for purpose education programmes and excellence in research initiatives. Located within the Waikato, we deliver programmes within the region, across the central North Island, nationally and internationally.

We have a portfolio of professional health and social practice programmes and have the accreditation of a range of professional registration bodies, including the Nursing Council of New Zealand, Midwifery Council of New Zealand, Social Worker Registration Board, and the Addiction Practitioners Association of Aotearoa New Zealand. With robust quality assurance systems in place, all our programmes are recognised by NZQA and the regulatory bodies.

We maintain a close connection with health and social practice industry partners, including district health boards, primary health organisations, non-government organisations, aged residential care providers, iwi providers and private practices. Our staff and students participate in community-engaged research and events. Getting relevant experience is essential in a career in health. We ensure that our students gain work experience through work placements and internships. We have a regional commitment to address the needs of our communities through the provision of high quality health and social practice education and continuing professional development. This is demonstrated by our excellent record of accomplishment in providing work ready health graduates and is evidenced by institutional results for national and state final examinations, graduate employment statistics and employer feedback.

The health and social practice professions are each based on unique skills and bodies of knowledge, but together they represent a community of social care, health, well-being and protection. The Centre for Health and Social Practice is uniquely placed because it offers the opportunity for interprofessional education and research within one centre. Counselling, mental health support, occupational therapy, midwifery, nursing and social work educators, practitioners and researchers can come together and learn with, from and about each other to improve collaboration and quality of care.

Our graduates work as*:

- Social workers
- Family violence intervention coordinators
- Midwives, midwifery managers
- Registered and enrolled nurses
- Nurse prescribers and practitioners
- Clinical nurse managers and specialists
- Professional supervisors
- Educators and clinical educators
- Pregnancy and childbirth educators
- Drug and alcohol practitioners
- Counsellors
- Mental health and addictions counsellors
- Care and support workers
- Community facilitators and health workers
- Primary care practice assistants

**non-exhaustive list*

