

Programme Regulations for:

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) (level 8)

Wintec code:	HS1902	MoE:	WK3892
Level:	8	Credits:	480
Owner:	Centre for Health and Social Practice	Effective Date:	July 2021

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute's Academic Regulations.

1. Admission and Entry

1.1. General Academic Admission

- a) Candidates are required to have:
 - i. University Entrance (UE) or equivalent is the minimum requirement to enter the Bachelor of Physiotherapy programme. To qualify for University Entrance candidates need NCEA Level 3 comprised of 60 credits at NCEA Level 3 or above and 20 credits at NCEA Level 2 or above, including:
 - (1) 14 credits each at NCEA Level 3 in three [approved subjects](#)¹; **and**
 - (2) [Literacy](#)² (10 credits at NCEA Level 2 or above made up of 5 credits each in reading and writing); **and**
 - (3) [Numeracy](#)³ (10 credits at NCEA Level 1 or above); **or**
 - ii. A relevant level 4 qualification; **or**
 - iii. Equivalent.
- b) Candidates who have studied on a Physiotherapy Degree programme at another institution will need to meet the Bachelor of Physiotherapy programme entry requirements or equivalent.
- c) Applicants who have completed an approved foundation, bridging or tertiary introductory programme in Health at Level 4, with 65% or higher in all modules will be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Physiotherapy programme.

1.2. Special Admission

¹ List of [UE Approved Subjects](#) on NZQA website

² List of Achievement Standards that contribute to [Literacy](#) from NZQA website

³ List of Achievement Standards that contribute to [Numeracy](#) from NZQA website

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Domestic applicants aged 20 years or above who have not met the General Admission or entry requirements for a programme but whose skills, education or work experience indicate that they have a reasonable chance of success⁴ may be eligible for Special Admission. Special Admission will be granted at the discretion of the Head of Physiotherapy/Centre Director or designated nominee. Such applicants may be required to successfully complete a foundation, bridging or tertiary introductory programme as a condition of entry into higher level programmes.

1.3. Selection Criteria

- a) Candidates will be required to provide a record of prior qualifications, employment history, work experience, and one written reference (forms provided) and may be required to attend a selection interview/hui.
- b) Selection of students into the programme will be determined on the basis of:
 - i. Academic ability, as demonstrated in previous education, ,
 - ii. Community engagement (evidenced by support from their community), and
 - iii. Commitment to and interest in Māori and Pacific health.

Candidates may also be required to provide additional information and/or attend an interview in order for their application to be assessed.

- c) All candidates are required to:
 - i. Complete the standard Wintec application form,
 - ii. Complete a self-declaration of criminal convictions,
 - iii. Complete a self-declaration of mental and physical condition.
- d) Candidates are required in their application to indicate whether they have been convicted of, or have been prosecuted for, a criminal offence. Candidates should be aware that, under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act (2003)), some types of criminal conviction may result in the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand refusing to allow a person to register as a Physiotherapist. Similarly, some types of criminal conviction may result in difficulty to obtain a clinical practice placement and therefore meet the requirements to pass the programme.
- e) Candidates are required in their application to indicate whether they have had a mental and/or physical condition that may prevent them entering the Bachelor of Physiotherapy programme. Candidates should be aware that, under the HPCA Act (2003), some types of physical or mental conditions may result in the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand being unable to register a person as a Physiotherapist.

1.4. Clinical Practice Requirements

⁴ [Education Act 1989 Section 224 \(3\)](#)

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- a) Before undertaking clinical practice within the programme, candidates will be required to provide a written health and immunity status assessment from their health practitioner.
- b) Candidates must hold a current First Aid Certificate prior to undertaking any clinical practice module in the programme.

1.5. Safety Check Requirements

In order to comply with the provisions of the Vulnerable Children's Act, 2014 and Child Protection Policies for all '*specified organisations*' providing a '*regulated service*', all candidates/students will be subjected to safety checks. These will include, but are not limited to;

- (1) Referee Checks,
- (2) A Police Vet Check,
- (3) A Risk Assessment.

Any unsatisfactory result arising from the full safety checking process may result in the candidate/student being precluded/declined entry or withdrawn from the programme of study. Furthermore, students must declare any pending or new convictions arising during any stage throughout the entire enrolment period. A conviction or failure to declare a conviction may also result in the student being immediately withdrawn from the programme. Persons who are convicted of '*specified offences*' will not be accepted onto any programme that requires that person to work in an organisation providing a regulated service.

1.6. English Language Requirements

- a) Candidates who have English as a second language are required to have an International English Language Test System (IELTS) score of 7.0 with no individual band score lower than 6.5.

2. Transfer of Credit

- 2.1. A candidate with previous physiotherapy or similar qualifications will be able to apply for transfer of credit to determine their programme of study. Transfer of credit is available for this programme and will be considered on a case by case basis.
- 2.2. Any applicant seeking formal transfer of credit will be expected to submit the proof of content and results of modules previously passed.
- 2.3. Any application of informal transfer of credit (recognition of prior learning) will be based on evidence from a portfolio showing that the learning outcomes of a module have been achieved, confirmed as necessary by an interview, attestation process or demonstration of performance.

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- 2.4. Transfer of credit will not be awarded for Physiotherapy Clinical Practice Modules (HSPT608; HSPT704; HSPT708, HSPT801; HSPT804).
- 2.5. The maximum total of transfer credits which may be granted towards the Bachelor of Physiotherapy programme shall not exceed 180 credits at levels 5 or 6. Transfer of credit at Level 7 or 8 will be considered on a case by case basis.

3. Programme Requirements

- 3.1. Every candidate for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) shall to the satisfaction of the Academic Board follow a programme of study for a period of normally not less than four years.
- 3.2. Each candidate's programme of study shall comprise compulsory modules totalling 480 credits as specified in Section 6 of these regulations.
 - a) Entry to Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) study (enrolment in Bachelor Honours level 8 modules) is based on achievement of a B+ grade average in years 1 to 3 of the programme; if this level of achievement is not attained, students will continue in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (*Bachelor level 7 modules*) during year 4 of the programme.
- 3.3. No candidate shall be given more than two opportunities to enrol in any module within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy or Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) programme. Should a candidate fail a level 8 module twice, re-enrolment into year four level 7 modules will be at the discretion of the Head of Physiotherapy.

4. Completion of the Programme

- 4.1 Time-limits for completion of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) programme are as follows:
 - a) A candidate will normally complete the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) within a minimum of four years and no more than eight years, unless an extension is granted by special permission by the Head of Physiotherapy or designated nominee.
 - b) Candidates who take leave from the programme may be required to demonstrate current knowledge and practice competency to identify the point of re-entry to the programme.
 - c) Candidates are required under the HPCA Act (2003) to demonstrate that they are fit for registration as they progress through the programme. Candidates should be aware that under the HPCA Act (2003), section 12, 15 and 16 some types of convictions, physical or mental conditions, or professional or academic misconduct issues, may result in the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand refusing to allow a person to register as a Physiotherapist.

5. Award of the Qualification

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5.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) (Bachelor Honours degree, Level 8) will receive the award of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours). All graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand.

- 5.1.1 The degree of Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) may be awarded with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours (first division), or Second Class Honours (second division), or Third Class Honours.
- Classes of Honours will be calculated using the candidates' average grade across year 4 (level 8), plus the average of the two research modules to calculate a weighted average grade.
 - In exceptional circumstances the average grade from the previous year's modules may be considered.
 - To receive First Class Honours, a candidate must gain a minimum weighted average grade of A- (75%) or better.
 - To receive Second Class Honours (first division), a candidate must gain a weighted average grade from B to B+ (65–74% inclusive).
 - To receive Second Class Honours (second division), a candidate must gain a weighted average grade from B- (60–64% inclusive).
 - To receive Third Class Honours, a candidate must gain a weighted average grade from C to C+ (50–59% inclusive).

6. Schedule of Modules

Note: no value in the pre/co-requisite columns means there are no pre/co-requisites for that module.

Year 1 – Level 5 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HSPT501	Te Hīhiri	5	15		
HSPT502	Movement Science I	5	15		
HSPT503	Applied Musculoskeletal Anatomy	5	15		
HSPT504	Human Anatomy and Physiology A	5	15		

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HSPT505	Professional and Interprofessional Practice	5	15		
HSPT506	Human Anatomy and Physiology B	5	15	HSPT504	
HSPT507	Promoting Health and Wellness	5	15		
HSPT508	Movement Science II	5	15		

Year 2 – Level 6 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HSPT601	Te Mahara	6	15	HSPT501	
HSPT602	Human Pathophysiology	6	15	HSPT504 & HSPT506	
HSPT603	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy	6	15	HSPT503	
HSPT604	Exercise-based Physiotherapy	6	15	HSPT504 & HSPT506	
HSPT605	Neurological Physiotherapy	6	15	HSPT502 & HSPT508	
HSPT606	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy	6	15	HSPT502 & HSPT508	
HSPT607	Primary Care for Rural and Hauora Practice	6	15	HSPT601	
HSPT608	Physiotherapy Clinical Practice 1	6	15	HSPT603	HSPT605 & HSPT606

Year 3 – Level 7 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HSPT701	Te Wānanga	7	15	HSPT601	

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HSPT702	Advanced Neurological Rehabilitation	7	15	HSPT605	
HSPT703	Advanced Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy	7	15	HSPT606	
HSPT704	Physiotherapy Clinical Practice 2	7	15	HSPT608	
HSPT705	Physiotherapy Across Life Stages	7	15	HSPT607 & HSPT608	
HSPT706	Advanced Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy	7	15	HSPT603	
HSPT707	Rangahau and Research Methodology & Design	7	15		
HSPT708	Physiotherapy Clinical Practice 3	7	15	HSPT702 & HSPT703 & HSPT704	

Year 4 – Level 8 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HSPT801	Advanced Physiotherapy Clinical Practice 4	8	30	HSPT706 & HSPT708	
HSPT802	Advanced and Specialist Physiotherapy Practice	8	15	HSPT702 & HSPT703 & HSPT706	
HSPT803	Independent Rangahau or Research Project A	8	15	HSPT707	
HSPT804	Advanced Physiotherapy Clinical Practice 5	8	30	HSPT801	
HSPT805	Te Puawaitanga	8	15	HSPT701 & HSPT801	

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HSPT806	Independent Rangahau or Research Project B	8	15	HSPT803	
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