Master of Nursing Science
(Pre-registration)

Wintec code: HS1903
Level: 9
Owner: Centre for Health and Social Practice
MoE: WK4002
Credits: 240
Effective Date: July 2019

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute’s Academic Regulations and the current Nursing Council of New Zealand Education programme standards for the registered nurse scope of practice.

1. Admission and Entry

1.1. General Academic Admission

Candidates are required to have:

a) a recognised bachelor’s degree with a minimum B grade (65%) in the third year of their qualifying degree; which is considered relevant to health science or appropriate health or allied professional qualification.

1.2. Special Admission

There are no special admission options for the Master of Nursing Science (Pre-registration).

1.3. Selection Criteria

a) Candidates must complete their application for selection at least two months prior to the commencement of the programme. Applications received after this point will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

b) Candidates may be required to attend an individual or group interview.

c) Candidates are required to indicate in their application whether they have been convicted of a criminal offence. Candidates should be aware that, under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 some types of criminal convictions may result in the Nursing Council of New Zealand declining a candidate’s application for registration in the registered nurse scope of practice. Similarly, some types of criminal convictions may result in difficulty to obtain clinical experiences and therefore meet the requirements to pass the programme.
d) Candidates are required in their application to indicate whether they have had/or currently have a mental and/or physical condition that may prevent them from entering the Master of Nursing Science (Pre-registration) Programme. Candidates are required under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 to demonstrate that they are fit for registration as they progress through the programme. Candidates should be aware that under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 some types of convictions, physical and mental conditions, or professional or academic misconduct, may result in the Nursing Council of New Zealand being unable to register the person as a nurse.

1.4. Clinical Practicum Requirement
a) Before undertaking Clinical Practicum within the programme, candidates will be required to provide a written health and immunity status assessment from their health practitioner and must hold a current First Aid Certificate (covering NZQA Unit Standards 6400, 6401 and 6402).

1.5. Safety Check Requirements
a) 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:
   i. Referee Checks,
   ii. A Police Vet Check,
   iii. A Risk Assessment.

b) 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 7.0; or,
2. **Transfer of Credit**

2.1. Formal transfer of credit only is awarded.

2.2. Informal transfer of credit (Recognition of Prior Learning) is not available in this programme.

2.3. Transfer of credit will not be granted for clinical papers MNSC832 and MNSC842.

2.4. Transfer of credit will be considered on a case by case basis and will not exceed 50% of the programme.

2.5. Any applicant seeking formal transfer of credit will be expected to submit the verified proof of learning outcomes, content and successful completion.

2.6. The module being sought for credit transfer must have been completed within the previous five years.

2.7. Candidates requesting a transfer from another graduate entry nursing programme will be considered on a case by case basis.

3. **Programme Requirements**

3.1. Every candidate for the Master of Nursing Science (Pre-registration) shall to the satisfaction of the Academic Board follow a programme of study for a period of normally not less than four semesters (2 years) or an equivalent programme of part-time study.

3.2. No candidate shall be given more than two opportunities to achieve a successful pass grade in any module within the Master of Nursing Science (Pre-registration), except where there are extraordinary circumstances.

3.3. Each candidate's programme of study shall comprise compulsory modules, totaling 240 credits in Master of Nursing Science (Pre-registration) from the Schedule of Modules in Section 6 of these regulations.

3.4. A registered nurse with a current practicing certificate will be a member of any student academic decision and appeal process.

4. **Completion of the Programme**

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4.1. It is expected candidates will take two years to complete the Master of Nursing Science (Pre-registration) Programme, and no more than 5 years, unless an extension is granted by special permission from the Nursing Council of New Zealand and/or Postgraduate Programme Committee.

5. **Award of the Qualification**

5.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements in the Schedule of Modules in Section 6 of these regulations will receive the award of Master of Nursing Science (Pre-registration) qualification.

6. **Schedule of Modules**

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

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