

Master of Nursing

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Level:	9	Credits:	120
Owner:	Centre for Health and Social Practice	Effective Date:	July 2020

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. A Wintec Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing, with a grade average of B or better;
or
 - ii. Equivalent. Candidates from another tertiary organisation must have an equivalent qualification with a grade average of B or better and deemed to have reached the learning outcomes of the compulsory modules of Wintec's Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing programme.
- b) All candidates are required to have graduate nursing experience in the health sector demonstrated in a professional portfolio.

1.2. 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 for the Master of Nursing Pathway 1 – Nurse Practitioner, and Pathway 2 – Advanced Practice, must also meet the following additional requirements for entry to the programme:
 - i. hold a current New Zealand practising certificate as a Registered Nurse and be in good standing with the Nursing Council of New Zealand, and
 - ii. CA minimum of 3 years' equivalent full time relevant practice within the past 5 years, with at least 1 of the 3 years in full time practice in New Zealand. For Pathway 1, this must be in the area of practice they are intending to practice in as a nurse practitioner.
- c) Additionally, candidates for entry to the NURS902 Nurse Practitioner practicum must have:
 - i. a collaborative working relationship within an interprofessional team and the support of a designated authorised prescriber (DAP), (a registered medical practitioner or nurse practitioner with current indemnity insurance) as a mentor who will provide clinical supervision for prescribing practice, and

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- ii. an agreement to undertake the practicum within an organisation that supports nurse prescribing, and
- iii. identified two areas of clinical practice in which to develop the nurse practitioner role, one of which will be the intended area of prescribing practice. One experience must be undertaken with a clinical supervisor who is a nurse practitioner.

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 across all bands;
- b) or, [Equivalent](#)¹.

2. Transfer of Credit

- 2.1. Formal transfer of credit only is awarded towards the Master of Nursing and will not exceed more than 50% of the programme.
- 2.2. Any candidate seeking formal transfer of credit will be expected to submit the verified proof of learning outcomes, content and successful completion.
- 2.3. The module or qualification being sought for credit transfer must have been completed within the previous five years.
- 2.4. Transfer of credit will not be granted for NURS901 Advanced Nursing Practice, or the NURS902 Nurse Practitioner Practicum.

3. Transition arrangement for students who have previously completed a Master of Nursing to transition to Pathway 1. Nurse Practitioner.

- 3.1. Pathway 1 – Nurse Practitioner Candidates who have already completed a Wintec Master of Nursing (via Pathway 2. Advanced Practice), within 5 years of completion will be eligible to enrol in the NURS901 Advanced Nursing Practice and NURS902 Nurse Practitioner Practicum.
- 3.2. Pathway 1 – Nurse Practitioner Candidates from other institutions, who have successfully completed a Master of Nursing within the last 5 years, will have their application considered by the Postgraduate Programme Committee, on a case by case basis.

4. Programme Requirements

- 4.1. Every candidate for the Master of Nursing shall to the satisfaction of the Academic Board follow a programme of study for a period of normally not less than two semesters, or an equivalent programme of part-time study.
- 4.2. Each candidate's programme of study shall comprise compulsory and/or elective modules, totaling 120 credits from the Schedule of Modules in Section 7 of these regulations.
- 4.3. All candidates will complete one of the following pathways:
 - a) Pathway 1 Nurse Practitioner – Candidates are required to complete all the compulsory modules in Group A.

¹ Refer to The Table at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/nzqf-related-rules/the-table/> for a list of equivalents

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- b) Pathway 2 Advanced Practice – Candidates are required to complete all compulsory modules in Group B and Group C: Pathway 2 Advanced Practice Elective Modules
 - c) Pathway 3 Research Dissertation – Candidates are required to complete the compulsory modules in Group D.
- 4.4. To undertake NURS902 Nurse Practitioner Practicum, candidates must have:
- a) At least a B grade (65%) in the modules NURS804 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice and NURS801 Integrated Science and Assessment; and
 - b) Employment in a relevant area of practice for a minimum of 24 hours per week.
- Candidates who fail a module will only be permitted one more re-enrolment into that module.
- 4.5. No candidate shall be given more than two opportunities to achieve a successful pass grade in any module within the Master of Nursing programme, except where there are extraordinary circumstances.
- 4.6. A registered nurse with a current practising certificate will be a member of any student academic decision and appeal process.

Supervision, Reporting and Assessment

- a) Each candidate who undertakes the HSIP902 Evidence Based Practice Project in Pathway 1 or Pathway 2:
 - i. Will be appointed one Lead Supervisor.
 - ii. Will be appointed one Internal Examiner for marking.
- b) Each candidate who undertakes NURS903 Dissertation in Pathway 3:
 - i. Will be appointed a Lead Supervisor and a Second Supervisor;
 - ii. Will be appointed one Internal and one External Examiner for marking;
 - iii. Where the student's research is within a clinical specialty the student will be required to have a Practice Mentor.
- c) Candidates should consult the current Student Handbook for specific requirements regarding additional requirements for supervision, parameters for research and submission.

5. Completion of the Programme

- 5.1. A part-time candidate will have up to four years in which to complete the Master of Nursing unless an extension is granted by special permission of the Centre Director for CHASP or delegated nominee.
- 5.2. The Postgraduate Programme Committee may grant a short extension of time (up to 3 months) to a student who has not completed the dissertation by the end of their enrolment.
 - a) Candidates granted an extension may incur payment of extra fees.
- 5.3. In exceptional circumstances, the Postgraduate Programme Committee may approve the suspension of a candidate's enrolment.

6. Award of the Qualification

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- 6.1. Candidates who successfully complete the programme requirements as stated in section 4 of these regulations and gain an average grade of 75% (A–) or better for all of the modules in their programme of study (including any failed modules), will receive the award of the Master of Nursing with Distinction.
- 6.2. Candidates who successfully complete the programme requirements as stated in section 3 of these regulations will receive the award of the Master of Nursing.

7. Schedule of Modules

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

Group A: Compulsory modules for Pathway 1 Nurse Practitioner

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HSIP805 or HSIP808	Evidence and Inquiry in Practice Research for Practice	8 8	30 30		
HSIP902	Evidence Based Practice Project	9	30	HSIP805 or HSIP808	HSIP904
NURS901	Advanced Nursing Practice	9	30		NURS902
NURS902	Nurse Practitioner Practicum	9	30		NURS901

Group B: Compulsory modules for Pathway 2 Advanced Practice

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HSIP805 or HSIP808	Evidence and Inquiry in Practice Research for Practice	8 8	30 30		
HSIP902	Evidence Based Practice Project	9	30	HSIP805 or HSIP808	HSIP904
HSIP904	Advanced Practice Development	9	30	HSIP805 or HSIP808	HSIP902

Group C: Elective Modules (Pathway 2 Advanced Practice)

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
NURS801	Integrated Science and Assessment	8	30		
NURS802 or	Reasoning in Practice	8	30		

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NURS804	Pharmacology for Nursing Practice	8	30	NURS801	
NURS807	Advanced Diabetes Nursing Practice	8	30		
NURS808	Advanced Cardiac Nursing Practice	8	30		
NURS809	Advanced Nursing Practice in Breast Care	8	30		
NURS810	Advanced Nursing Practice in Wound Care	8	30		
NURS811	Nursing Practice with the Older Adult	8	30		
NURS812	Advanced Practice in Long-Term Conditions	8	30		
HSIP801	Leadership and Management in Professional Practice I	8	30		
HSIP802	Leadership and Management in Professional Practice II	8	30	HSIP801	
HSIP803	Facilitating Learning in Professional Practice	8	30		
HSIP804	Coaching, Mentoring and Clinical Supervision	8	30		
HSIP805	Evidence and Inquiry in Practice	8	30		
HSIP810	Professional Supervision 1	8	30		
HSIP811	Professional Supervision 2	8	30	HSIP810	
HSIP813	Palliative Care	8	30		
HSIP815	Supervised Critical Enquiry	8	30	Two modules at level 8	
HSIP816	Mental Health and Addiction Practice	8	30		

Group D: Compulsory modules for Pathway 3 Research Dissertation

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HSIP808	Research for Practice	8	30		
NURS903	Dissertation	9	90	HSIP808	