

Programme Regulations for:

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

with optional
endorsements in

Māori Mental Health, Registered Nurse Prescribing

Wintec code:	NU0010	MoE:	WK2454
Level:	8	Credits:	120
Owner:	Centre for Health and Social Practice	Effective Date:	July 2020

and incorporating the: **Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing**

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Level:	8	Credits:	60
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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 gained:
 - i) an undergraduate Nursing degree, or other undergraduate degree assessed as relevant by the Centre for Health and Social Practice Postgraduate Programme Committee, conferred by a New Zealand tertiary education institution, **or**
 - ii) a qualification approved as equivalent by the Postgraduate Programme Committee.
- b) Candidates who have not gained a relevant undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification may submit a portfolio for informal transfer of credit and, if the application is successful, may be admitted on an equivalent basis.
- c) Candidates for the Māori Mental Health endorsement must meet the following additional and specific requirements for entry to the programme. Such applicants must:
 - i) have at least two years' of clinical experience in the mental health field, gained within the past five years, **and**
 - ii) identify as Māori, demonstrating knowledge of their whānau, hapū and iwi, **and**
 - iii) demonstrate understanding of the role of tikanga Māori within their own nursing practice.
- d) Candidates for the Registered Nurse Prescribing endorsement must meet the following additional and specific requirements for entry to the programme. Such candidates must:
 - i) Have completed three years' equivalent full-time practice in an area of common and long-term conditions nursing.
 - ii) Demonstrate up-to-date clinical knowledge relevant to their intended area of prescribing practice and have attained a B grade in NURS801 Integrated Science and Assessment, NURS804 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice, and NURS812 Advanced Practice in Long-term Conditions.
 - iii) Have a collaborative working relationship within an interprofessional team and the support of a designated, authorised prescriber (DAP), (a vocationally registered medical

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practitioner or nurse practitioner who has current indemnity insurance) as a mentor who will provide clinical supervision for prescribing practice.

- iv) Have professional/personal indemnity insurance.
- v) Be employed within an organisation that enables nurse prescribing through policy, audit, peer review and accessibility of continuing education, while undertaking the prescribing practicum.
- vi) Have documented approval from an area of clinical practice in which to undertake the prescribing practicum.

1.2 Selection Criteria

- a) In addition to the above criteria, all candidates must hold a current New Zealand practising certificate as a Registered Nurse.
- b) Unless otherwise stated, all candidates must have completed a minimum of six months of post-registration clinical experience within the past five years.
- c) All candidates must be employed for a minimum of 16 hours per week.
- d) Where there are more applications than the number of places available, selection will be determined on the basis of:
 - i) whether candidates meet the pre-requisites for each paper, and
 - ii) commitment to study as demonstrated at admission interviews, and
 - iii) references supplied.
- e) Where the industry and/or community have indicated a need for graduates from the programme with a particular specialisation, and/or have provided sponsorship for candidates to undertake modules leading to a particular specialisation, applicants for that specialisation and/or those modules may be given priority.
- f) Candidates will complete their enrolment before the commencement of each semester.
- g) Candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Māori Mental Health) will normally be enrolled in a part-time programme of study over two years, to enable them to fulfil the clinical requirements of that endorsement stream.
- h) Candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing, Registered Nurse Prescribing endorsement, will normally be enrolled in a part-time programme of study over two years, to enable them to fulfil requirements for the supervised Prescribing Practicum.

1.3 English Language Requirements

Candidates who have English as a second language are required to have an International English Language Test System (IELTS) Academic band score of 7.0, with no band score less than 7.0; or equivalent. The language assessment must be less than two years old at the time of application.

2. Transfer of Credit

- 2.1 Formal transfer credit only is awarded towards the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing
- 2.2 Any applicant seeking formal transfer of credit will be expected to submit the verified proof of learning outcomes, content and successful completion.

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- 2.3 The module or qualification being sought for credit transfer must have been completed within the previous five years.
- 2.4 Application for transfer credit (TOC) will initially be referred to the Postgraduate Programme committee for assessment and approval.
- 2.5 The maximum total of formal transfer of credit which may be granted towards the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing will not exceed more than 50% of the programme.
- 2.6 Transfer of credit will not be granted for NURS806 Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum.

3. Programme Requirement

- 3.1 Every candidate for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing programme 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.
- 3.2 Each candidate's programme of study will comprise modules totalling 120 credits as follows:
 - a) Candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing will complete the 30 credit compulsory module in Group A, one 30 credit core module from Group B, and 60 credits of optional modules from Group D in section 6 of these regulations.
 - b) Candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing, Registered Nurse Prescribing endorsement, will complete the 30 credit compulsory module in Group A and the 90 credits of compulsory modules in Group C in section 6 of these regulations.
 - c) Candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Māori Mental Health) will complete the 120 credits of compulsory modules in Group E in section 6 of these regulations.
- 3.3 To undertake NURS801 Integrated Science and Assessment, candidates are required to have a Practice Mentor.
- 3.4 To undertake NURS806 Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum, candidates are required to have a supervisory agreement with a designated authorised prescriber (DAP) who has current indemnity insurance.
- 3.5 Candidates who have failed more than one module towards the Postgraduate Diploma will not be permitted to re-enrol.
- 3.6 No candidate shall be given more than two opportunities to achieve a successful pass grade in any module within the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing programme, except where there are extraordinary circumstances.
- 3.7 A registered nurse with a current practising certificate is a member of any student academic decision and appeal process.

4. Completion of the Programme

- 4.1 A candidate may take up to four years to complete the Postgraduate Diploma, unless an extension is granted by special permission of the Postgraduate Programme Committee.
- 4.2 Candidates having completed two postgraduate modules within the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing may choose to exit with the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing. These candidates may return to complete the postgraduate diploma at a later date provided that completion is within four years of first enrolment in postgraduate study.

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- 4.3 Candidates who have previously gained the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing and return to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing will be required to surrender their Postgraduate Certificate.

5. Award of the Qualification

- 5.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements as stated in clause 3.2.a of these regulations will receive the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing.
- 5.2 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements as stated in in clause 3.2.c of these regulations will receive the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Māori Mental Health).
- 5.3 Candidates who successfully complete any two modules for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing programme may opt to exit with the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing. Candidates exiting with the Postgraduate Certificate must complete two modules from among those listed in section 6 of these regulations.
- 5.4 The Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing will not be awarded to candidates who complete the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing.
- 5.5 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements as stated in clause 3.2b of these regulations will receive the award of Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Registered Nurse Prescribing)

6. Schedule of Modules

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

All modules listed below have an individual module credit value of 30 credits. The range of modules offered will vary from year to year.

Group A – Compulsory module for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
NURS801	Integrated Science and Assessment	8	30		

Group B – Core module for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
NURS802 Or NUPCD02	Reasoning in Practice Te Whiriwhiri Oranga Māori (The Weaving of Wellbeing)	8 8	30 30		

Group C – Compulsory modules for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing, Registered Nurse Prescribing Endorsement

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
NURS804 And NURS812 And	Pharmacology for Nursing Practice Advanced Practice in Long-term Conditions	8 8	30 30	NURS801	

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NURS806	Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum	8	30	NURS801 NURS804 NURS812	
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Group D– Optional modules for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
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 E – Compulsory modules for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing with an endorsement in Māori Mental Health

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
NUPCD02	Te Whiriwhiri Oranga Māori (The Weaving of Wellbeing)	8	30		
NUPCD04	He Rangahau Tapuhi Māori (Māori Research Methods)	8	30	NUPCD02	
NUPCD20	He Ara Whai Mātauranga (The Context of Māori Mental Health Nursing)	8	30		
NUPCD21	He Ara Rapu Waiora (The Advanced Practice of Māori Mental Health Nursing)	8	30		