Postgraduate Nursing 2021

A prospectus for registered nurses considering postgraduate study.
Centre for Health and Social Practice

At the heart of the Wintec Centre for Health and Social Practice is a team of experienced and respected practitioners, researchers, and educators, delivering postgraduate programmes designed in response to the learning needs of regional and national health, and social service professionals.

The centre takes a collaborative approach to learning that is leading the way, creating a positive interface between education and the nursing practice sectors.

These programmes provide registered nurses with the opportunity to extend their clinical knowledge and skills in a specific area of practice.

Pathway

Bachelor of Nursing (or equivalent)

6 months full-time (or equivalent) relevant post registration work experience and a current NCNZ Practising Certificate

Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing (Level 8)
Exit qualification on completion of 2 modules. Option to return to the Postgraduate Diploma within four years of first enrolment.

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Level 8)

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing - Registered Nurse Prescribing (Level 8)
This option is only available on successful completion of 90 compulsory credits with a minimum B grade.

Master of Nursing (Level 9)
Minimum of B grade average in Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing required for entry.

Employment
Nurse Practitioner or specialist Nursing practice positions in management, education, leadership, research.

Please refer to www.wintec.ac.nz for more detail.
Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

Duration: One year starting February or July
Study: Full-time or part-time equivalent
Location: Hamilton City Campus or Bay of Plenty District Health Board Education Centre, Tauranga
Applications: Close in December or June (late applications may be considered)

Types of modules:
- Compulsory/Core module
- A chosen practice module

Modules

**NURS801 Integrated Science and Assessment**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus and Bay of Plenty District Health Board Education Centre, Tauranga

**Overview**
This module aims to prepare registered nurses to develop advanced understanding of pathophysiology in complex health states. The integration of bioscience at cellular level, scientific evidence, empirical knowledge, comprehensive health assessment, and clinical reasoning facilitates the identification of actual and potential health needs in specific communities and populations.

**NURS802 Reasoning in Practice**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus and Bay of Plenty District Health Board Education Centre, Tauranga

**Overview**
This module aims to foster the development of reflexive registered nurses who critically evaluate clinical knowledge, research evidence, professional values, and regulatory frameworks for reasoning in practice. It aims to cultivate inquiring and thoughtful nurses, as practitioners who collaborate with clients, communities, and other health and social service professionals within the interprofessional contexts of practice.

**NURS804 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Fully online including exam

**Overview**
This module aims to enable registered nurses to integrate and apply principles of clinical pharmacology to specific health care contexts. Participants will develop an in-depth understanding of pharmacotherapeutic principles; including pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, and the regulatory/legislative frameworks, interdisciplinary relationships, and evidence bases that facilitate clinical preparation for prescribing in advanced nursing practice roles.

**NURS806 Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum**
Only available to students eligible for the Registered Nurse Prescribing pathway.
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus

**Overview**
This practicum aims to consolidate previous learning and support the development of reflexive registered nurses who consistently evaluate clinical knowledge, research evidence, and regulatory frameworks for prescribing in common and long term conditions. The practicum will enable participants to apply their advanced developed knowledge and skills for prescribing and meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand competency requirements for prescribing in long term and common conditions.

**NURS807 Advanced Diabetes Nursing Practice**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus

**Overview**
This module aims to enable registered nurses to advance their knowledge and skills in diabetes nursing practice. The module fosters an approach to learning that supports critical inquiry and clinical reasoning in the specialty practice of diabetes nursing in partnership with people and their whānau, families, and communities. Participants will explore issues in the clinical management of diabetes using theoretical and evidence-based perspectives. They will also develop specialty nursing care strategies to meet the challenges within the New Zealand health care environment.

**NURS809 Advanced Nursing Practice in Breast Care**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus

**Overview**
This module is designed to enable registered nurses to advance their knowledge and skills for nursing practice to meet the health care needs of clients using breast care services. Participants will explore nursing roles and relationships within interprofessional breast care services, and develop strategies to advance nursing knowledge and therapeutic skills for a holistic approach to women’s health.
NURS812

Advanced Practice in Longterm Conditions
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Fully online
Semester 1: 15 February
Semester 2: 12 July

Overview
This module aims to enable registered nurses to develop advanced knowledge, skills, and capability to work with people, families, and whānau who are affected by one or more long-term conditions.
Participants will critique and synthesise advanced knowledge of chronicity to gain an in-depth understanding of the complexity of living with a long-term condition.
They will also develop a deeper understanding of the relationships between people, systems, and the socio-political and cultural contexts that may influence the improvement and maintenance of health, wellbeing, and quality of life.

HSIP801
Leadership and Management in Professional Practice I
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 11 February, 8, 9 March, 29 April

Overview
This module aims to critically analyse leadership and management practices in the context of a dynamic and culturally diverse interprofessional care environment.
Practitioners will be able to develop leadership opportunities and examine management skills and concepts in the context of their own practice environments.

HSIP803
Facilitating Learning in Professional Practice
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 22, 23 February, 29 March, 27 April

Overview
This module aims to support the development of the practitioner to make the transition to the role of an educator, responsive to the dynamic context of health care and social services, and to foster an identity as a reflexive educator.

HSIP804
Coaching, Mentoring and Clinical Supervision
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 12, 13 July, 6 September, 19 October

Overview
This module is to prepare practitioners to skilfully coach, mentor and supervise other clinicians, in order to respond to the demands of health. This module fosters knowledge and skill development for clinical education which will contribute to health workforce capability development.
Participants will engage in critical thinking and reflexive learning activities that will enable practice as skilled coaches, mentors and clinical supervisors.

HSIP805
Evidence and Inquiry in Practice
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Fully online
Semester 1: 2 February
Semester 2: 5 July

Overview
This module develops the practitioner’s ability to utilise concepts of evidence-based practice and critical inquiry that underpin advanced practice. It focuses on locating and critically analysing the research evidence that guides reasoning and professional judgement within specific client situations and organisational contexts.

HSIP810
Professional Supervision 1
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 15, 16 February, 22, 23 March, 3, 4 May

Overview
This module aims to develop knowledge and skills in supervision. Practitioners will define the scope of supervision in a variety of fields of practice and critically evaluate its practice in professional, organisational, cultural, ethical, and legal contexts.

HSIP811
Professional Supervision 2
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 2: 26, 27 July, 6, 7 September, 11, 12 October

Pre-requisite
HSIP810 Professional Supervision 1 (or HSIS802)

Overview
This module is designed to develop practitioners to a more advanced level of professional supervision practice.
Participants will critically examine a range of supervision, theories and approaches and develop a well-integrated supervision framework to inform their supervision practice.
This module aims to develop intentional supervisors who will facilitate critically reflective, restorative, and accountable practice in practitioners.
An opportunity will be provided for participants to consolidate the role and further develop their identity as a supervisor able to work within a complexity of organisational and professional contexts.

HSIP815
Supervised Critical Enquiry
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 16 February, 23 April
Semester 2: 27 July, 14 September

Pre-requisite
NURS802 Reasoning in Practice or HSIP807 Professional Practice in Context, and one other 30-credit module.

Overview
This module offers practitioners the opportunity to study an area of interest related to their particular area of practice.
Participants will submit a proposal outlining the focus, and scope of the intended project, and negotiate the supervision process with the lecturer(s).

HSIP816
Fundamentals of Mental Health and Addiction
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 2: 26, 27 July, 6, 7 September, 11, 12 October

Overview
This module is to extend and deepen awareness, understanding, and skills relevant to mental health and addiction. This includes an understanding of services frameworks and pathways; models of stress and coping, wellbeing and illness; and practical skills in applying screening, assessment, and best practice informed responses relevant to mental health and addictions.
Next step

To enrol, you must have an undergraduate nursing degree or equivalent, hold a current New Zealand Practising Certificate as a Registered Nurse, and have completed six months of full-time post-registration clinical experience within the past five years.

Additional requirements will apply for those interested in the Registered Nurse Prescribing pathway. Please check online at www.wintec.ac.nz.

Choose your modules

To discuss your pathway options within the programme and what modules would best complement your area of work, please feel free to contact the postgraduate team at pgbsp@wintec.ac.nz.

Ready to apply

Once you have made a decision on what to study, there are several ways you can apply.

You can go online to enrol at www.wintec.ac.nz/enrol or you can complete the Application to Enrol form and associated forms available from the Wintec Student Enrolment and Information Centre at the City or Rotokauri Campus.

Forms are also available online: www.wintec.ac.nz/student-resources/policies-and-forms.

Computer requirements

To access and maximise these web-enhanced or fully online modules, we recommend that you use or have access to:

- Windows 10
- The latest versions of Internet Explorer, Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Safari
- Microsoft Office 2016 or above
- Windows Media Player or VLC Media Player
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- An Anti-virus programme
- Updated Flash version for video on YouTube

Please also ensure your device has:

- Audio and visual functionality; and
- The latest Microsoft or Mac updates installed.

MyLearning is not responsive for Tablets and Smartphones.

To achieve the best experience using Moodle and MyLearning (Wintec student learning resources), a PC or laptop with the latest operating system and software versions is recommended. MyLearning is not responsive on tablets and smartphones.

Entry to Master of Nursing

- A Postgraduate Diploma of Nursing with B grade average
- Current NCNZ Practising Certificate

For Nurse Practitioner pathway only:

- At least a B grade (65%) in the modules:
  - NURS804 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice
  - NURS801 Integrated Science and Assessment
- Employment in a relevant area of practice for a minimum of 24 hours per week.

“Students get academic rigour from Wintec, and they also get a really good clinical grounding by having this collaboration. Expert practitioners come in and teach students practical hands-on knowledge that they can apply in their practice.”

Bryan Gibbison
Nurse Practitioner and Wintec Practice Partner
Master of Nursing

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Nurse Practitioner

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HSIP902

Evidence Based Practice Project
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 9
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 28, 29 January, 18 March, 5 May
Semester 2: 1, 2 July, 19 August, 13 October

Overview
This module explores the knowledge, procedures, resources, issues, and possibilities associated with research within health and/or social practice areas. It is designed to give an overview of the range of research approaches for practice inquiry, and provide the skills required for planning, conducting, writing, and disseminating research.

Rangahau Research Dissertation

| HSIP808 | NURS903 |

Types of modules:

| A chosen practice module |

NURS902

Nurse Practitioner Practicum
Duration: Full year
Credits: 30
Level: 9
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Dates: 11, 12 February, 24 March, 22, 23 April, 22, 23 July, 16 September, 21 October

Pre-requisite
To undertake NURS902 Nurse Practitioner Practicum, candidates must be employed in a relevant area of practice for a minimum of 24 hours per week.

Overview
To undertake 300 supervised clinical hours for the nurse practitioner practicum and provide evidence of their developing practice through supervision and case review towards meeting the Nursing Council of New Zealand Competencies for the nurse practitioner scope of practice.

HSIP904

Advanced Practice Development
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 9
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 15, 16 July, 23 September, 14 October

Overview
This module enables practitioners to consolidate an advanced area of practice and engage in focused career development within health or social services. Practitioners will focus on creative and reflexive learning strategies to develop more innovative, resilient, and collaborative practice with a specific community or population.

NURS903

Dissertation
Duration: 18 months (3 semesters)
Credits: 90
Level: 9
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 28, 29 January, 5 May (and 2 days in Semester 2 as negotiated with supervisor)
Semester 2: 1, 2 July, 13 October (and 2 days in Semester 1 the following year as negotiated with supervisor)

Overview
This module focuses on the development of a supervised research dissertation in which the practitioner will complete a study that will contribute to advancing nursing knowledge in their area of specialisation.

Modules

Please refer to the programme regulations for pre- and co-requisites.

HSIP805

Evidence and Inquiry in Practice
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Online
Semester 1: 2 February
Semester 2: 5 July

Overview
This module develops the practitioner’s ability to utilise concepts of evidence-based practice and critical inquiry that underpin advanced practice. It focuses on locating and critically analysing the research evidence that guides reasoning and professional judgement within specific client situations and organisational contexts.

NURS901

Advanced Nursing Practice
Duration: Full year
Credits: 30
Level: 9
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Dates: 11, 12 February, 24 March, 22, 23 April, 22, 23 July, 16 September, 21 October

Overview
This module is designed to consolidate and articulate a broad base of empirical, experiential, professional and contextual knowledge for the comprehensive and advanced clinical management of health consumers with long term and common or acute conditions and present evidence towards meeting the Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies for the nurse practitioner scope of practice.
“I see it as an honour and a privilege to be a nurse. Wintec was such a supportive environment that set me up for what has been a versatile and rewarding career, and the continued support I got from the Wintec nursing department, while I complete my master’s was so valuable.

My job isn’t just about helping people with their physical needs. It’s also about being there for them emotionally and psychologically. I feel like I’m making a real difference in people’s lives.”

— Ellyn Profitt  
Master of Nursing