Postgraduate Nursing 2022
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 leads 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.

Anna Mastrovich
Wintec Practice Partner, Nurse Practitioner and Employer Partnership Group Member for the Advanced Practice in Long-Term Conditions online module.

“The online delivery offers rural nurses the opportunity to access and complete modules in their own time when shift work and family life allow. These papers are truly flexible with online support in a group forum. They are tailored to enhance your practice and prepare you for the future prescribing. I’m a Wintec graduate and understand the challenges of distance learning and have had input developing these modules to meet the needs of rural nurses. Wintec has an understanding of practice challenges in smaller communities as well as large centres. My Wintec master’s degree has given me academic preparation to apply to clinical reasoning decisions on a daily basis and I hope to share this experience with you.”

Jane Jeffcoat
Wintec Practice Partner, Nurse Practitioner and Employer Partnership Group Member for Postgraduate Nursing.

“Often students ask, why do we have to learn this…what relevance has this got to my work? In the role of Practice Partner, I contribute contextual knowledge to the students’ postgraduate learning experience, assisting them to apply academic knowledge to clinical practice. Theoretical concepts and differing world views can be explored in terms of relevance to practice as well as broadening the students’ vision. I have been a Practice Partner in Postgraduate Nursing since 2009. I also have the first-hand experience of the nurturing learning environment Wintec uniquely provides to its students. Being a Wintec graduate means you have excellent academic preparation which can be applied in practice, a highly marketable commodity”.
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:

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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
Tauranga Semester 1: 1–2 February, 9–10 March, 20–21 April, 18–19 May
Overview
This module, for registered nurses, prepares you to develop an advanced understanding of pathophysiology in complex health states.
Topics covered include integration of bioscience at a cellular level, scientific evidence, empirical knowledge, comprehensive health assessments, and clinical reasoning, which facilitates identifying 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
Hamilton Semester 1: 1–2 February, 9–10 March, 20–21 April, 2–3 June
Tauranga Semester 2: 7–8 July, 11–12 August, 29–30 September, 3–4 November
Overview
This module fosters the development of reflexive registered nurses who critically evaluate clinical knowledge, research evidence, professional values, and regulatory frameworks for reasoning in practice. Thus, cultivating inquiring and thoughtful nurses as practitioners who collaborate with clients, communities, and other health professionals within the interprofessional contexts of practice.

**NURS804**
Pharmacology for Nursing Practice
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Fully online, including exam
Semester 1: 1 February
Semester 2: 4 July
Pre-requisite
NURS801 Integrated Science and Assessment.
Overview
This module enables registered nurses to integrate and apply principles of clinical pharmacology to specific health care contexts.
You will develop an in-depth understanding of pharmacotherapeutic principles, including pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, regulatory/legislative frameworks, interdisciplinary relationships, and evidence bases that facilitate clinical preparation for prescribing in advanced nursing 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
Semester 1: 14–15 February, 22 March, 27–28 April
Semester 2: 5–6 July, 9 August, 28–29 September
Pre-requisite
Attain a B pass or better in NURS801 Integrated Science and Assessment, NURS804 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice and, NURS812 Advanced Practice in Long-term Conditions.
Overview
Have completed three years’ equivalent full-time practice in an area of common and long-term conditions nursing.
This practicum consolidates previous learning and supports the development of reflexive registered nurses. Nurses who consistently evaluate their clinical knowledge, research evidence, and regulatory frameworks. For use in prescribing in common and long-term conditions.

The practicum will enable you to apply your 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
Semester 1: 21–22 February, 21–22 March, 2–3 May
Overview
This module enables registered nurses to advance their knowledge and skills in diabetes nursing practice. Using 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.
You will explore issues in the clinical management of diabetes using theoretical and evidence-based perspectives. You 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
Semester 1: 14 February online start, 7–8 April
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: 14 February
Semester 2: 11 July

**Overview**
This module enables 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.
You will gain an in-depth understanding of the complexity of living with a long-term condition. In addition, you will 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: 10 February, 7–8 March, 28 April

**Overview**
This module focuses on locating and critically analysing leadership and management practices in the context of a dynamic and culturally diverse interprofessional care environment.
You will be able to develop leadership opportunities and examine management skills and concepts in the context of their own practice environments.

HSIP804
**Coaching, Mentoring and Clinical Supervision**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 11–12 July, 29 August, 19 October

**Overview**
This module prepares practitioners to skilfully coach, mentor and supervise other clinicians to respond to the demands of health. In addition, it fosters knowledge and skill development for clinical education, contributing to health workforce capability development.
You will engage in critical thinking and reflexive learning activities to 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: 1 February
Semester 2: 4 July

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

HSIP807
**Fundamentals of Mental Health and Addiction**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 14–15 February, 22 March, 2–3 May

**Overview**
The purpose of this module is to develop knowledge and skills in supervision. You will define the scope of supervision in various fields of practice and critically evaluate its practice in professional, organisational, cultural, ethical, and legal contexts.

HSIP810
**Professional Supervision 1**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 1: 14–15 February, 22 March, 2–3 May

**Overview**
You will have the opportunity to consolidate the role and further develop your identity as a supervisor, working 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: 6 February, 20 April
Semester 2: 26 July, 13 September

**Overview**
This module offers you the opportunity to study an area of interest related to your particular area of practice.
You will submit a proposal outlining the intended project’s focus and scope and negotiate the supervision process with the lecturer(s).

HSIP816
**Professional Supervision 2**
Duration: One semester
Credits: 30
Level: 8
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Semester 2: 25–26 July, 5–6 September, 10–11 October

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

**Overview**
This module develops intentional supervisors who will facilitate critically reflective, restorative, and accountable practice in practitioners.
You will have the opportunity to consolidate the role and further develop your identity as a supervisor, working within a complexity of organisational and professional contexts.
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](http://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 pghsp@wintec.ac.nz.

Ready to apply

Once you have decided on what to study, there are several ways you can apply.

You can go online to enrol at [www.wintec.ac.nz/enrol](http://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](http://www.wintec.ac.nz/student-resources/policies-and-forms).

Computer requirements

To access and maximise these web-enhances or fully online modules, we recommend that you use or have access to:
- Windows 10
- The latest versions of 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.

To achieve the best experience using Moodle and My Learning (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

**Duration:** One year starting February or July
**Study:** Full-time or part-time equivalent
**Location:** Hamilton City Campus

**Applications:** Close in December or June (late applications may be considered)

**Options:** There are three pathways for completing the master’s as shown below. Students can select their elective practice modules on pages 2-3 excluding NURS806.

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## Modules

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

**HSIP805 Evidence and Inquiry in Practice**
- **Duration:** One semester
- **Credits:** 30
- **Level:** 9
- **Location:** Hamilton City Campus
- **Semester 1:** 3–4 February, 17 March, 4 May
- **Semester 2:** 5–6 July, 18 August, 12 October

**Overview**
This module focuses on developing an advanced evidence-based project in which you will choose a specific issue related to your area of practice. You will critically explore, analyse and articulate the findings that result from this inquiry.

**HSIP904 Advanced Practice Development**
- **Duration:** One semester
- **Credits:** 30
- **Level:** 9
- **Location:** Hamilton City Campus
- **Semester 2:** 14–15 July, 22 September, 13 October

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

**HSIP902 Evidence Based Practice Project**
- **Duration:** One semester
- **Credits:** 30
- **Level:** 9
- **Location:** Hamilton City Campus
- **Semester 1:** 3–4 February, 17 March, 4 May
- **Semester 2:** 5–6 July, 18 August, 12 October

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

**HSIP808 Research for Practice**
- **Duration:** One semester
- **Credits:** 30
- **Level:** 9
- **Location:** Hamilton City Campus
- **Semester 1:** 8–9 February, 15–16 March, 20–21 April

**Overview**
This module explores the knowledge, procedures, resources, issues, and possibilities associated with research within health and/or social practice areas. In this module, you will gain an overview of the range of research approaches for practice inquiry. You will learn the skills required for planning, conducting, writing, and disseminating research.

**NURS901 Advanced Nursing Practice**
- **Duration:** Full year
- **Credits:** 30
- **Level:** 9
- **Location:** Hamilton City Campus
- **Dates:** 10–11 February, 23 March, 21–22 April, 21–22 July, 15 September, 20 October

**Overview**
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. Present evidence towards meeting the nurse’s Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies practitioner scope of practice.

**NURS902 Nurse Practitioner Practicum**
- **Duration:** Full year
- **Credits:** 30
- **Level:** 9
- **Location:** Hamilton City Campus
- **Dates:** 10–12 February, 23 March, 21–22 April, 21–22 July, 15 September, 20 October

**Pre-requisite**
Undertake NURS902 Nurse Practitioner Practicum. Candidates must be employed in a relevant area of practice for a minimum of 24-hours-per-week.

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

**NURS903 Dissertation**
- **Duration:** 18 months (3 semesters)
- **Credits:** 90
- **Level:** 9
- **Location:** Hamilton City Campus
- **Semester 1:** 3–4 February, 4 May (and two days in Semester 2 as negotiated with supervisor)
- **Semester 2:** 5–6 July, 12 October (and two days in Semester 1 the following year as negotiated with supervisor)

**Overview**
This module focuses on developing a supervised research dissertation. You will complete a study that will contribute to advancing nursing knowledge in your area of specialisation.
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