

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.

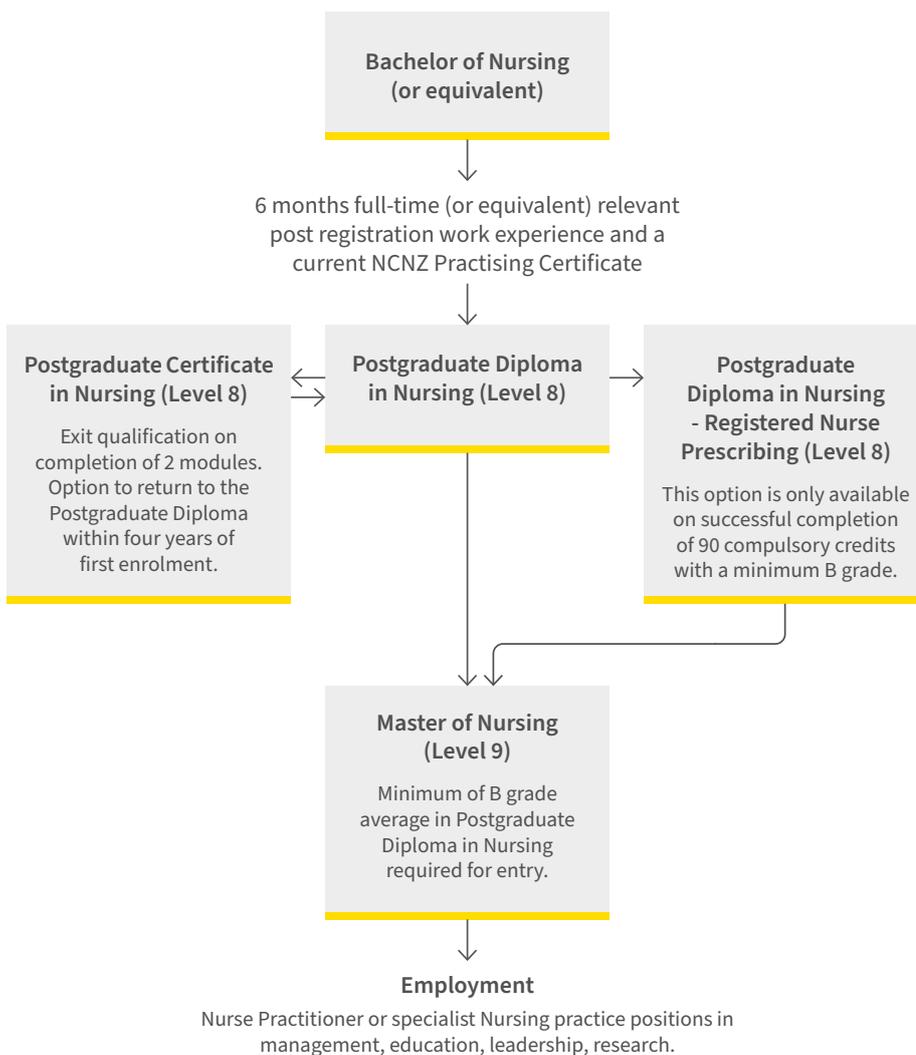


Anna Mastrovich

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.”

Pathway



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”.

Please refer to wintec.ac.nz for more detail.

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

NU0010

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

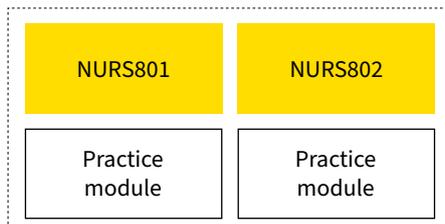
Applications: Close in December or June (late applications may be considered)

Types of modules:

Compulsory/Core module

A chosen practice module

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing



Students can select their preferred practice modules from any of the following modules excluding NURS806.

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing - Registered Nurse Prescribing pathway



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

Hamilton Semester 2: 13–14 July, 17–18 August, 21–22 September, 19–20 November

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: online

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.

Have completed three years' equivalent full-time practice in an area of common and long-term conditions nursing.

Overview

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.

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 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.

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.

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

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.

HSIP811

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

HSIP810 Professional Supervision 1 (or HSHS802)

Overview

Designed to develop practitioners to a more advanced level of professional supervision practice, you will critically examine a range of supervision, theories and approaches and develop a well-integrated supervision framework to inform their supervision practice. In addition, 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.

HSIP815

Supervised Critical Enquiry

Duration: One semester

Credits: 30

Level: 8

Location: Hamilton City Campus

Semester 1: 8 February, 20 April

Semester 2: 26 July, 13 September

Pre-requisite

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

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).



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 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 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:

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 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

HL0502

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.

Types of modules:

Compulsory/Core module

A chosen practice module

Nurse Practitioner

HSIP805

HSIP902

NURS901

NURS902

Advanced Practice

HSIP808 or
HSIP805

HSIP902

HSIP904

Practice
module

Rangahau Research Dissertation

HSIP808

NURS903

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: 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.

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 developing a supervised 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 enquiry.

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.

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: 10-11 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

