

Postgraduate Nursing and Social Practice 2027

A guide for registered nurses and health professionals considering postgraduate study.

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Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing NU0010

- Duration:** One year starting February or July
- Study:** Full-time or part-time equivalent
- Location:** Online and Hamilton City Campus
- Applications:** Close in December or June (late applications may be considered)
- Course Structure:** Students can select their preferred practice elective modules from any of the modules below. Practice elective modules are indicated as **E**

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing NU0010	
NURS801	NURS802
Practice Elective Module	Practice Elective Module

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing – Registered Nurse Prescribing pathway	
NURS801	NURS804
NURS812	NURS806



Integrated Science and Assessment

NURS801



Online and Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Campus: 10 February, 10 March, 7 April, 11 May | Online: 11 February, 11 March, 8 April, 12 May and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2:

Campus: 14 July, 18 August, 15 September, 13 October | Online: 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 14 October and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

For registered nurses, this module prepares you to develop an advanced understanding of pathophysiology in complex health states.

Topics covered include the 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.

Pharmacology for Nursing Practice

NURS804

E



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 16 February, with workshops: 11 and 18 May and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: Start 8 July, with workshops: 6 August and 1 October and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

This module enables registered nurses to integrate and apply principles of clinical pharmacology to specific healthcare 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.

Reasoning in Practice

NURS802



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: 17–18 February, 24–25 March, 28–29 April, 2–3 June and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: 21–22 July, 25–26 August, 22–23 September, 3–4 November and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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. Cultivating inquiring and thoughtful nurses as practitioners who collaborate with clients, communities, and other health professionals within the inter-professional contexts of practice.

Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum

NURS806



Online and Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Campus: 9 February | Online: 21 April and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: Campus: 5 July | Online: 22 September and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Only available to students eligible for the Registered Nurse Prescribing pathway.

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.

Advanced Nursing Practice in Breast Care E

NURS809



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 2: Start 9 February, workshops: 8 March and 27 April and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

This module is designed to enable registered nurses to advance their knowledge and skills for nursing practice to meet the healthcare needs of clients using breast care services. Participants will explore nursing roles and relationships within inter-professional breast care services and develop strategies to advance nursing knowledge and therapeutic skills for a holistic approach to women's health.

Leadership and Management E

HSIP801



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 9 February, weekly tutorials in negotiation with ākonga (learners).

This module prepares students to critically analyse leadership and management practices in a dynamic and culturally diverse inter-professional care environment.

Students will be able to develop leadership opportunities and examine management skills and concepts in their practice environments.

Advanced Practice in Longterm Conditions E

NURS812



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 9 February, and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: Start 5 July, and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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.

Evidence and Inquiry in Practice E

HSIP805



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 2 February, and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: Start 7 July, and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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.

Professional Supervision 1

HSIP810



Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Online and Onsite: 1–2 March, 5–6 April, 10–11 May and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

This module aims to enable students to develop knowledge and skills in supervision. Students 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. It aims to cultivate supervisors who can support, challenge and facilitate reflective learning in professional practitioners.

Professional Supervision 2

HSIP811



Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 2: Online and Onsite: 19–20 July, 30–31 August, 11–12 October and weekly online tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Pre-requisite

HSIP810 Professional Supervision 1 (or HSHS802)

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.

Supervised Critical Enquiry

HSIP815



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 2 February, online workshop in 2nd week, weekly supervision negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: Start 19 July, online workshop in 2nd week, weekly supervision negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Pre-requisite

Two modules at level 8

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).

For the latest programme information, including entry requirements, fees, and how to apply for the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing, visit wintec.ac.nz/NU0010

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)
- Course Structure:** There are three options for completing the Masters as shown below.
Core modules are compulsory. Core modules are indicated as ▼

Nurse Practitioner HL0502		Research for Practice HSIP808	
HSIP805 or HSIP808	HSIP902	 Online	
NURS901	NURS902	 One semester	
		 Level: 8	
		 Credits: 30	
		 Semester 2: 19 July and 3 further workshop/ tutorials in negotiation with ākonga (learners).	

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.



Evidence and Inquiry in Practice

HSIP805



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 2 February, fortnightly tutorials Tuesdays 4–6pm, or as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: Start 7 July start, fortnightly tutorials Tuesdays 4–6pm, or as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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.

Advanced Nursing Practice

NURS901



Online and Hamilton City Campus



Full year



Level: 9



Credits: 30



Hamilton City Campus: 16 February

Online: 17 February, 28 April and further monthly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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.

Evidence Based Practice Project

HSIP902



Online



One semester



Level: 9



Credits: 30



Semester 2: 5 July, and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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.

Nurse Practitioner Practicum

NURS902



Online and Hamilton City Campus



Full year



Level: 9



Credits: 30



Hamilton City Campus: 16 February

Online: 17 February, 28 April and further monthly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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.

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.

For the latest programme information, including entry requirements, fees, and how to apply, for the Master of Nursing, visit wintec.ac.nz/HL0502

Postgraduate Diploma in Health and Social Practice HS1102

Course structure

Students can select their preferred practice elective modules from any of the modules below. Practice elective modules are indicated as **E**

Postgraduate Certificate in Health and Social Practice	
HSIP807	Practice Elective Module

Postgraduate Diploma in Health and Social Practice (standard pathway)	
HSIP807	Practice Elective Module
Practice Elective Module	Practice Elective Module

Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Supervision	
HSIP810	HSIP811

Postgraduate Diploma in Health and Social Practice (Professional Supervision)	
HSIP807	HSIP810
HSIP811	Practice Elective Module

Postgraduate Certificate in Mental Health and Addiction (Level 8)	
HSIP818	HSIP819

Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health and Addiction (Level 8)	
HSIP807	HSIP817
HSIP818	HSIP819



Leadership and Management HSIP801



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 9 February, weekly tutorials in negotiation with ākonga (learners).

This module prepares students to critically analyse leadership and management practices in a dynamic and culturally diverse inter-professional care environment.

Students will be able to develop leadership opportunities and examine management skills and concepts in their practice environments.

Professional Practice in Context HSIP807



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: 17–18 February, 24–25 March, 28–29 April, 2–3 June and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: 21–22 July, 25–26 August, 22–23 September, 3–4 November and tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

This module enables registered nurses to integrate and apply principles of clinical pharmacology to specific healthcare 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.

Evidence and Inquiry in Practice HSIP805



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 2 February, weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Semester 2: Start 7 July, weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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.

Research for Practice HSIP808



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 2: 19 July and 3 further workshop/tutorials in negotiation with ākonga (learners).

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.

Professional Supervision 1

HSIP810



Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: 1–2 March, 5–6 April, 10–11 May and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

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Professional Supervision 2

HSIP811



Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 2: 19–20 July, 30–31 August, 11–12 October and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Pre-requisite

HSIP810 Professional Supervision 1 (or HSHS802)

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.

Supervised Critical Enquiry

HSIP815



Online



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Start 2 February, online workshop in the second week, supervision negotiated with ākonga (learner)

Semester 2: 19 July start, online workshop in the second week, supervision negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Pre-requisite

HSIP810 Professional Supervision 1 (or HSHS802)

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).

Advance Practice Skills in Mental Health and Addiction

HSIP817



Online and Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 2: Campus: Weekend wānanga workshops: 7–8 August, 11–12 September and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Online: Induction 20 July

Pre-requisite

HSIP818 Applied Theoretical Approaches for Mental Health and Addiction

This module aims to develop a thoughtful and enquiring practitioner ready to work alongside tangata whaiora experiencing mental health and addiction issues through evidence-based practice skills. You will demonstrate advanced culturally responsive skills in relational practice in meeting tangata whaiora needs, and enhancing wellbeing in the context of mental health and addiction in New Zealand.

Applied Theoretical Approaches for Mental Health and Addiction

HSIP818



Online and Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 1: Campus: Weekend wānanga workshops: 13–14 March, 1–2 May and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Online: Induction 9 February

This module integrates best practice approaches and engages participants in learning around tangata whaiora centred case formulation, treatment and intervention practice skills relevant to mental health and addiction in New Zealand. You will develop culturally responsive knowledge, enabling you to work across and simultaneously with tangata whaiora experiencing co-existing mental health and addiction diagnoses and presentations.

Comprehensive Assessment and Treatment Planning for Mental Health

HSIP819



Online and Hamilton City Campus



One semester



Level: 8



Credits: 30



Semester 2: Weekend wānanga workshops: 21–22 August, 9–10 October and weekly tutorials as negotiated with ākonga (learners).

Online: Induction 20 July

Develop knowledge and skills in screening and assessment to support the use of effective treatment(s) and intervention(s) when working with tangata whaiora experiencing mental health and addiction in New Zealand.

For the latest programme information, including entry requirements, fees, and how to apply for any of the courses in this section, visit wintec.ac.nz/PGHSP



Scholarships

If your postgraduate study isn't being funded by your workplace, a scholarship could help make it more achievable by providing financial support towards your study costs.

Wintec offers a range of scholarships for eligible ākonga (learners), including people undertaking postgraduate study. Scholarships may be available based on your area of study, background, personal circumstances, or connection to iwi and community.

Explore the scholarships available, check the eligibility criteria, and find out how to apply. View scholarship opportunities at **wintec.ac.nz/scholarships**



Do you need more information?

If you would like to discuss the specifics of postgraduate study, our Centre for Health and Social Practice postgraduate team is here to help.

The team can provide further information about programme pathways, entry requirements, module selection, study options, and what may work best alongside your professional and personal commitments.

Get in touch to discuss your options or ask any specific questions.

Contact the postgraduate team at PGHSP@wintec.ac.nz



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