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Welcome to the School of Nursing

We warmly invite you to be part of our School of Nursing whānau.

We work closely with health organisations in New Zealand and around the world to improve the health and well-being of people and their communities. We are committed to the education of students who will be culturally safe, skilled nurses, who will act as advocates for tangata whenua, and uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We pay attention to evidence that can inform clinical practice and improve patient health outcomes, especially for Māori and populations least well served by the current health system. Equity in healthcare is a key pillar throughout our nursing programmes.

We offer a world-class teaching, learning and research environment in which scholarship flourishes. Our teaching programmes emphasise clinical expertise and leadership in nursing.

Our friendly staff will help you begin your postgraduate journey today and will continue to support you throughout your studies and professional nursing career.



PROFESSOR NICOLETTE SHERIDAN

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Head of School of Nursing -
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Meet some of our Graduates



CATHERINE TU'AKALAU

Nurse Practitioner, Master of Nursing

"I strongly encourage those deciding where to do their postgraduate studies to study with Massey University. I took on postgraduate study while working full-time as a registered nurse and being a busy wife and mother, so distance stood out to me. Massey also offers numerous scholarships, and I was the recipient of the Massey University Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship."



KATE TE POU Ngāpuhi

Mātangi tapuhi (Nurse Practitioner), Master of Nursing

"I wanted to become a nurse practitioner in long term care with a respiratory focus looking at the whole person and their health. There's so much to be done, and you've got one year to develop the skills and knowledge to make you a safe and competent nurse practitioner. There were tears – many tears! But I got reassurance from my nurse practitioner mentors in Hawke's Bay and by the Massey staff, especially from my academic supervisors Victoria Perry and Professor Karen Hoare. Throughout the struggles, I was being uplifted by seeing these amazing people at Massey. Massey exposes you to big thinkers, people moving in amazing spaces and making a difference."



VALERIE WILLIAMS Rongomaiwahine

Kaimanaaki, Master of Nursing

"The Master of Nursing played a crucial part in influencing what I have done so far in my career. The lecturers were supportive and challenged me to think critically and to express my ideas. As a Māori student, I was well supported by Massey through Te Rau Puawai."



SIOBHAN HENNESSY Ngāti Kahungunu

Master of Nursing

"Choosing to study at Massey University was an easy decision, and it has been the foundation for my career success thus far. The postgraduate pathway aligned well with clinical practice and allowed me to implement and consolidate my learning as I progressed. Massey also offers different scholarships towards postgraduate study, and this provided extra support throughout the journey from lecturers who are experts in their fields. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Massey University and am thankful for the many relationships I developed along the way, the wider network of health professionals I engaged with, and the opportunity to be involved with Massey after graduating."

Honouring one of Massey's distinguished nursing alumna, Dr Helen Snell



DR HELEN SNELL MNZM

RN, NP, PhD, FCNA(NZ), MNZM

Dr Helen Snell has been a trailblazer in improving the standards of diabetes clinical care and improving outcomes, as well as a driving force for Registered Nurses (RN) working in advanced practice roles. In the New Year's honours list, 2025, she was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to nursing and diabetes care.

Dr Snell is currently Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Nurse Lead of the Diabetes and Endocrinology Service at Te Whatu Ora MidCentral Health and Programme Lead for the Massey University Nurse Practitioner Training Programme. She was the 10th NP to be registered in New Zealand in 2003 and was the inaugural Chairperson of Nurse Practitioners NZ, also serving on the Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee - NZ (NPAC-NZ), championing the NP scope of practice and working to remove barriers to practice. In 2009, she developed the National Diabetes Nursing Knowledge and Skills Framework to ensure a consistent approach to diabetes care delivery. This provided the blueprint for other specialty frameworks to follow. She was project lead for the development of the New Zealand Society for the Study of Diabetes (NZSSD) online diabetes learning modules for health professionals before online learning was prevalent, initially launched in 2012 and updated for current use.

She was the lead for the successful demonstration project for the Registered Nurse (RN) Diabetes Prescribing project in 2011, which led to her overseeing the roll out of Diabetes RN prescribing nationally in 2012/2013. She has helped advance the scope of practice for RN prescribing and has worked on implementing the RN prescribing authorisation and training pathway for RNs across New Zealand. Dr Snell was the first non-physician President of the New Zealand Society for the Study of Diabetes (NZSSD) from 2019 to 2022.

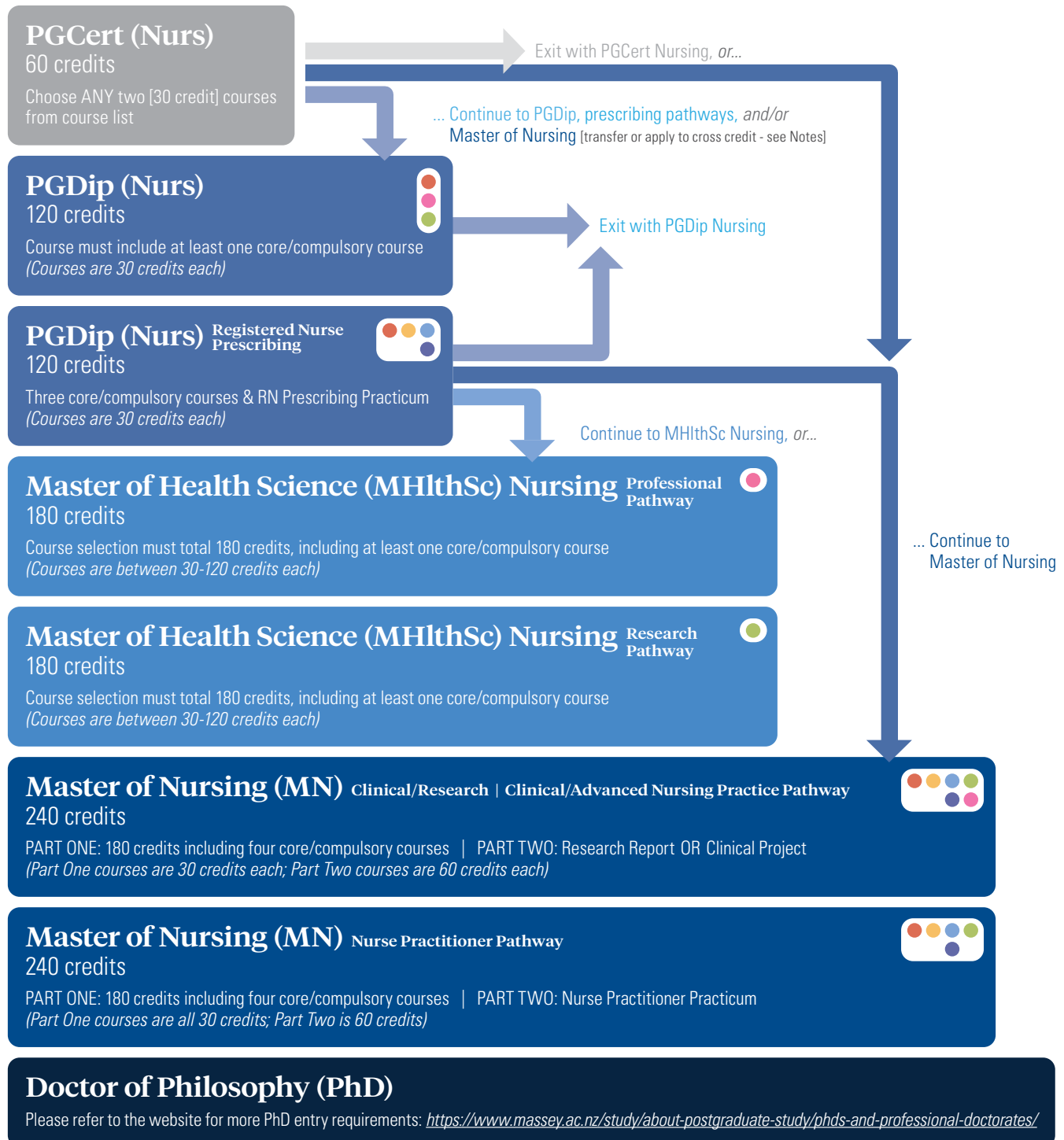
Postgraduate nursing programme overview

Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing PGCert (Nurs) 60 Credits
Master of Health Science Nursing MHLthSc (Nursing) 180 Credits

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing PGDip (Nurs) 120 Credits
Master of Nursing (MN) 240 Credits

Core (Compulsory) Courses include:

- 168711 Health Research Design & Method or ● 168713 Evidence-Based Practice
- 168728 Assessment & Clinical Decision-Making or ● 168714 Assessment & Clinical Decision-Making in Mental Health
- 168733 Physiology & Pathophysiology
- 168734 Clinical Pharmacology



NOTES

1. Read Massey's Recognition of Prior Learning Regulations (see page 23) to see if/how you can cross credit previous post graduate credits towards a Massey Postgraduate Programme or contact nursing@massey.ac.nz to discuss your options.
2. If you are undecided about your future study, start a PGCert (or PGDip) and complete core/compulsory clinical courses to optimise your choices later.
3. Both MHLthSc - Nursing and MN have minimum grade requirements for entry.
4. There may be some flexibility regarding the order that you complete early MHLthSc or Part One (MN) courses.



Postgraduate nursing study at Massey

Massey's Postgraduate nursing programmes will develop your knowledge and hone your academic and critical thinking skills. We offer theoretical and clinical courses to enhance your nursing practice and/or prepare you for a range of career pathways. These include advanced nursing practice, professional nursing practice, health management, leadership, strategy, education, or research.

Our postgraduate nursing graduates are working in/towards a variety of advanced practice and senior nurse roles. For example:

- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Clinical Nurse Educator
- Clinical Charge Nurse
- Nurse/Service/Operational Manager
- Mātanga Tapuhi Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurse with prescribing authority
- Nurse Advisor
- Nurse Consultant
- Nurse Researcher
- Director of Nursing
- Nurse Leader

COURSE DELIVERY

Massey University has three campuses located in Auckland, Palmerston North (Manawatū) and Wellington. However, most of our postgraduate nursing courses and qualifications are delivered online using a combination of scheduled workshops, tutorials, lectures, online groupwork and self-directed online learning activities. Online course delivery allows you to learn flexibly and around your work, family, and other commitments. This also reduces travel costs and increases access if you live rurally.

Many courses have scheduled learning activities, so you may need to book leave to attend them (online).

There are only three postgraduate courses that require on-campus attendance and these are:

[168728 Assessment and Clinical Decision Making](#)

There are six scheduled contact workshop days (3 blocks of 2 days) of which one block (2 days) is on-campus (Auckland, Manawatū, or Wellington).

[168750 Registered Nursing Prescribing](#)

There are four scheduled contact workshop days (2 blocks of 2 days). One block is hosted online and the other is on-campus in Auckland [all block days are compulsory].

[Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners](#)

There are twelve scheduled contact workshop days (6 blocks of 2 days). Three blocks are on-campus in Auckland and three are on-campus in Palmerston North [all block days are compulsory].

Details of dates, times and locations of scheduled teaching will be published on the course pages on the Massey University website.

UNIVERSITY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMMES/ QUALIFICATIONS

To enter Massey University's postgraduate nursing programmes you must:

- (a) meet the University admission requirements as specified;
- (b) have been awarded or qualified for a relevant bachelor's degree or equivalent; and
- (c) be a registered nurse (RN) with a practising certificate from the Nursing Council of New Zealand (or equivalent for some qualifications only).
- (d) provide copies of all official academic transcripts for studies taken at all universities other than Massey University.
- (e) meet New Zealand Nursing Council (NCNZ) requirements for authentication (by NZQA) of qualifications from overseas tertiary institutions (other than Australia).
- (f) meet Massey University's English language standards.

POSTGRADUATE NURSING AND QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification	Short Code	Credits	Full-time	Part-time
Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing	PGCertNurs	60	1 semester (1/2 year)	2 semesters (1 year)
Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing	PGDipNurs	120	2 semesters (1 year)	4 semesters (2 years)
Master of Nursing	MN	240	5 semesters (over 3 years)	8 semesters (4 years)
Master of Health Science (Nursing)	MHIthSc (Nursing)	180	4 semester (2 years)	6 semesters (3 years)

Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing PGCert (Nurs)

**1 SEMESTER FULL-TIME
1 YEAR PART-TIME**

A Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing is a good introduction to postgraduate study that many candidates start with. You can choose any two courses that interest you or two specialty courses (such as critical care). Alternatively, you can select compulsory courses that can later be cross credited towards the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing, Master of Nursing or the Master of Health Science (Nursing).

Structure

[60 Credits]

Any course from
the relevant
Course Schedule
[30 Credits]

Any course from
the relevant
Course Schedule
[30 Credits]

Entry Requirements

Admission to the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing requires that candidates meet the general University Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Nursing Qualifications.

Structure

Candidates must complete 60 credits from either the Master of Nursing or the Master of Health Science (Nursing) course schedule.

If you are unsure of your career path or academic focus (clinical/advanced nursing practice/professional/research) choose courses that are prerequisites for all other programmes to maximise your choices later.

Cross Credit

Candidates who have successfully completed a NETP or NESP course may apply for cross credit for up to 30 credits into a PGCert Nursing. Cross crediting courses will reduce your overall timeframe to complete the programme/qualification. Conditions for cross crediting are published in the Recognition and Prior Learning Regulations* on the Massey University Website.

Send your academic transcripts and a current CV to nursing@massey.ac.nz to discuss your options.

**FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT PGCert (Nurs)**



* Refer to *Useful Links* on page 23



**COMPULSORY
COURSES**



**ELECTIVE
COURSES**

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

PGDip (Nurs)

1 YEAR FULL-TIME
2 YEARS PART-TIME

Keen to take the next step in your nursing career? The Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing will advance your practice and prepare you for further development toward senior nursing roles. Choose one compulsory course and three elective courses from the appropriate schedule. Alternatively, you can select compulsory courses that can later be cross credited towards the Master of Nursing or the Master of Health Science (Nursing).

There is a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing pathway that includes 168750 Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum. This includes four compulsory courses (Please see prescribing pathway section for further details).

Entry Requirements

Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing requires that candidates meet the general University Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Nursing Programmes/Qualifications.

Structure

Candidates must complete a total of 120 credits and must include at least one core course from:

- 168733 Physiology & Pathophysiology
- 168713 Evidence-Based Practice
- 168711 Health Research and Design

Cross Credit

A candidate awarded the Massey University Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing, or its equivalent from another tertiary institution, may apply to cross-credit up to 60 eligible credits to the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing. Conditions for cross crediting are published in Recognition and Prior Learning Regulations* on the Massey University Website. Cross crediting courses will reduce your overall timeframe to complete the programme/qualification.

Send your academic transcripts and a current CV to nursing@massey.ac.nz to discuss your options.

**FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT PGDip (Nurs)**

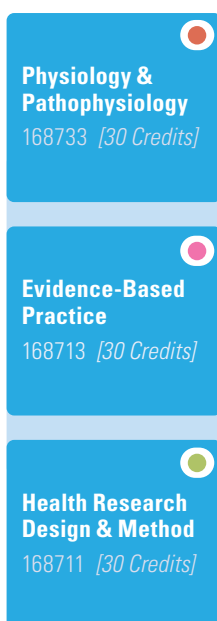


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Structure

[120 Credits]

Choose ONE of:



 **COMPULSORY COURSES**

 **ELECTIVE COURSES**

Master of Health Science (Nursing)

MHlthSc (Nursing)

1½ YEARS FULL-TIME
3 YEARS PART-TIME

The Master of Health Science (Nursing) offers you an opportunity to pursue advanced studies or research in a specialised health sciences subject.

The Master of Health Science (Nursing) has a professional and a research pathway suitable for candidates who are (or aspire to be):

- Nurse/Service/Operational Managers
- Nurse Advisors/Nurse Consultants
- Nurse Researchers
- Directors of Nursing/Nurse Leaders

Entry Requirements

Admission to the Master of Health Science (Nursing) requires that candidates meet the general University Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Nursing Programmes/Qualifications. In addition, candidates must:

- (a) have been awarded or qualified for a:
- a relevant health-related bachelor's degree with a minimum B- grade average over the 200/300 level courses, OR
 - a relevant health-related bachelor's degree and have extensive professional experience, OR
 - a Postgraduate Diploma in a relevant health related discipline, OR
 - the degree of Bachelor of Health Science with Honours.

Structure

PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY

PART ONE

- 168713 Evidence-Based Practice
- 90 credits of electives

PART TWO

- 250816 Professional Project

RESEARCH PATHWAY

PART ONE

- 168711 Health Research and Design
- 30 – 90 credits of electives

PART TWO

- 250817 Research Report or
- 90 credit Thesis, OR
- 120 credit Thesis

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
MHlthSc (Nursing)**



Progression

For progression from Part One to Part Two, candidates must complete the relevant course in Part One course and attain the required grade.

- 168713 Evidence-Based Practice for the Professional Pathway (B- grade or higher).
- 168711 Health Research Design and Method for the Research Pathway (B grade or higher).

Cross Credit

A candidate awarded the postgraduate diploma in a relevant health-related discipline or a Bachelor of Health Science (Honours) from Massey University, may apply for eligible credit towards Part One of the qualification in most subjects. Candidates with equivalent postgraduate qualifications from other tertiary institutions may apply to cross credit up to 90 eligible credits. See conditions for cross crediting published in the Recognition and Prior Learning Regulations* on the Massey University Website). The final 800 level course must be completed at Massey University. Cross crediting courses will reduce your overall timeframe to complete the programme/qualification.

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* Refer to *Useful Links* on page 23

Structure - Professional Pathway [180 Credits]



COMPULSORY
COURSES



ELECTIVE
COURSES

Part One

Evidence-Based Practice
168713 [30 Credits]

Any course from the MHlthSc Course Schedule
[30 Credits]

Any course from the MHlthSc Course Schedule
[30 Credits]

Any course from the MHlthSc Course Schedule
[30 Credits]

Part Two

Professional Project
250816 [60 Credits]

Structure - Research Pathway [180 Credits]

Part One

Compulsory

Health Research Design & Method
168711 [30 Credits]

Part One

Subject courses

Any course from the MHlthSc Course Schedule
[30 Credits]

Any course from the MHlthSc Course Schedule
[30 Credits]

Part Two

Research Course

Any course from the MHlthSc Course Schedule
[30 Credits]

Research Report or Thesis
250817 [60 Credits]
[90 or 120 Credits]

Master of Nursing MN

**3 YEARS FULL-TIME
4 YEARS PART-TIME**

Massey's Master of Nursing includes both theoretical and clinical courses to enhance your practice.

The clinical leadership/advanced practice focus is suitable for candidates who are (or aspire to be):

- Mātanga Tapuhi Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Clinical Nurse Educator
- Clinical Charge Nurse
- Registered Nurse with prescribing authority [RN Prescriber]

There are three options for the final year which include 168890 Research Report, 168861 Clinical Project or Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners. This is sometimes referred to as the Nurse Practitioner Training Programme [or NPTP]. Please note there are additional entry requirements for the latter option.

Entry Requirements

Admission to Part One of the Master of Nursing, requires that candidates meet the general University Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Nursing Programmes/Qualifications.

In addition, candidates must:

- (a) have been awarded or qualified for a:
- Relevant bachelor's degree with a minimum grade average of B over the 300 level courses, OR
 - Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing or equivalent, with a minimum B grade average, OR
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing or equivalent, with a minimum B grade average, AND
- (b) be a registered nurse (enrolled nurses are not eligible) with a practising certificate from the Nursing Council of New Zealand (candidates with overseas registration only are NOT eligible to enter the Master of Nursing).
- (c) have completed at least 2 years of professional experience in a relevant nursing specialty within the previous 5 years (longer for Nurse Practitioner (NP) Pathway).

Structure

Candidates must complete the following:

PART ONE

Compulsory Courses (700 level, NZQA):

- 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology, AND
- 168734 Clinical Pharmacology, AND
- 168728 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making, OR
- 168714 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making in Mental Health AND
- 168713 Evidence-Based Practice*, OR
- 168711 Health Research Design and Method*

** You should choose the option based on your intended Part Two selection:*

1. Choose 168711 Health Research Design and Method if you intend to take:
 - 168890 Research Report OR
 - Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners
2. Choose 168713 Evidence-Based Practice if you intend to take 168861 Clinical Project

Elective Courses (700 level, NZQA level 8):

- Two 30 credit electives from the MN Schedule

**FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT MN**



PART TWO

One 60 credit double semester course (800 level, NZQA level 9):

- 168861 Clinical Project for Nurses OR
- 168890 Research Report OR
- Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners.

Progression

For progression from Part One to Part Two, candidates must have completed 180 eligible credits and attained a B grade average. *If a candidate does not achieve this, they may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing.

- *There are additional grade entry requirements for Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners. Please see prescribing pathway section for further details.*

Cross Credit

A candidate awarded the Massey University Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing or Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (or their equivalent from another tertiary institution), may apply to cross-credit up to 120 eligible credits towards the Master of Nursing. Conditions for cross crediting are published in the Recognition and Prior Learning Regulations* on the Massey University Website. The final 800 level course must be completed at Massey University. Cross crediting courses will reduce your overall timeframe to complete the programme/qualification.

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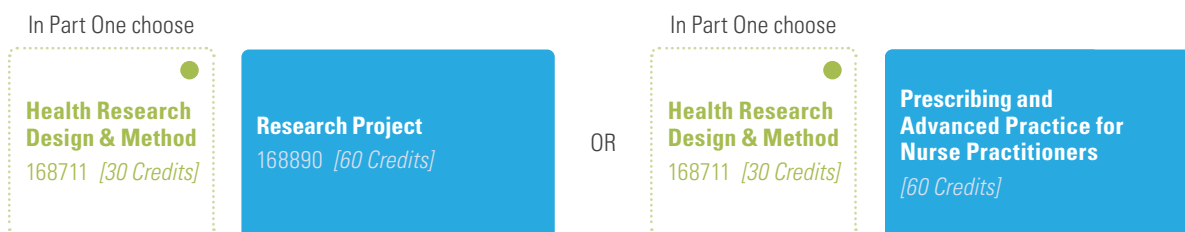
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Structure

Part One [180 Credits]



Part Two [60 Credits]



OR Part Two [60 Credits]



Doctor of Philosophy PhD Nursing

Completion of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) requires passion and commitment. In addition, you must be able to conduct independent and original research to generate new knowledge and/or understanding in your field of study.

Entry Requirements

To enter the PhD programme, you will:

- have completed a postgraduate bachelor's (honours) or master's degree with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours (Division I) B+ equivalent, or equivalent qualification,
- have sufficient independent research experience to satisfy the Doctoral Research Committee that you have the capacity to successfully undertake the programme.

Massey University's Doctoral Research Committee administers the PhD. Registration must be supported by the relevant Head of School/Centre who will agree to provide supervision and facilities for your research.

Please note that there are more applicants than places on the programme. If you meet the above conditions, you will also go through a selection process including an interview. If successful in this process, you will be offered a place.

Please refer to Massey University's PhDs and Doctorate* web page for more entry requirements.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PhD



* Refer to *Useful Links* on page 23

Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing PGDip (Nurs)

Including 168750 Registered Nurse Prescribing Practice

1.5 YEARS FULL-TIME
2 YEARS PART-TIME

If you are working in primary health care or a specialty team, gaining prescribing authority can enhance your advanced nursing practice and reduce barriers to accessing medications for patients. Registered nurses who prescribe (Registered Nurse [Designated] Prescriber), can manage long term conditions (see Box 1) or they can prescribe contraception, immunisations, health improvement products and medications to treat common/minor ailments, in collaboration with a doctor or nurse practitioner (see Box 2). To enter this pathway/qualification, candidates must meet academic entry requirements, as well as additional professional, clinical and practicum requirements, set by NCNZ.

Long term conditions that are suitable for management by a Registered Nurse [Designated] Prescriber:

- Hypertension
- Gout
- Diabetes
- Eczema
- Heart failure
- Depression
- Asthma
- Anxiety
- COPD

* Most commonly prescribed therapies for the above are included in the current Medicines List

Designated prescribers are also able to prescribe (if relevant to their area of practice, knowledge and expertise):

- Contraception
- Immunisations
- Health promotion related medicines (such as nicotine replacement therapies)
- Pain relief for:
 - Patients with acute pain
 - Palliative care patients*
 - Patients with persistent pain* (*the medicines list limits this somewhat)
- Other symptom relievers such as:
 - Anti-emetics
 - Antihistamines
 - Antipruritics
- Antibiotics for:
 - Simple urinary tract infections
 - Sexually transmitted infections
 - Skin infections
 - Community acquired pulmonary infections

Entry Requirements

Admission to the 168750 Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum requires that candidates meet the general University Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Nursing Programmes/Qualifications.

In addition, candidates must have completed the following three clinical courses (or equivalent):

- 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology AND,
- 168734 Clinical Pharmacology (B grade or higher) AND,
- 168728 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making (B grade or higher) OR,
- 168714 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making (B grade or higher)

There are additional professional, clinical and practicum entry requirements, as outlined below.

Professional Entry Requirements

You must meet all the following professional requirements:

- Your/the [Registered Nurse] scope of practice must align with the intended prescribing role as well as the setting/area of practice (i.e. no conflicting restrictions or limitations)
- You must have a minimum of three years full-time practice in relevant area of practice (at time of application to NCNZ).
- At least one of those years must have been in New Zealand or a similar healthcare context.

Clinical Requirements

The practice setting/manager/employer must ensure that:

- The candidate is/will be employed in a role suitable for a designated prescriber (senior nurse/clinical nurse specialist managing long term conditions or registered nurse managing minor complaints in primary care). This includes ensuring that the medicines list is appropriate for the area of practice (some specialties commonly prescribe medications that are not on the medicines list) AND ensuring that they have access to a doctor or nurse practitioner at all times to discuss or handover patients (both during and after the practicum).
- There are robust mechanisms to ensure that patient allocation is appropriate for a designated prescriber.
- Appropriate clinical governance is in place to oversee and/or audit (both during and after the practicum):
 - Prescribing decisions
 - Investigation results signoff
 - Case reviews.

Practicum Requirements

The employer must agree to provide and support a practicum of 150 hours (ideally supernumerary) of supervised prescribing practice. This must include backfilling of their previous role [if relevant] as well as:

- Access to a named Prescribing Mentor (medical or nurse practitioner) to provide formal and informal supervision
- Access to a medical or nurse practitioner at all times (both during and after the practicum).
- Access to appropriate tools to perform prescribing duties. For instance, they should be able to order and review diagnostic tests and access pertinent educational activities to support their prescribing.
- Access to read and write in clinical records (alongside medical notes).

Candidates who have completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing programme, may be eligible to complete this practicum as a "certificate of completion" if their previous program meets the cross credits criteria below and the required grades.

Structure

Candidates must complete the following 120 credits:

- 168733 Physiology & Pathophysiology
- 168734 Clinical Pharmacology (B grade or higher)
- 168728 Assessment & Clinical Decision-Making, (B grade or higher), OR • 168714 Assessment & Clinical Decision-Making in Mental Health (B grade or higher)
- 168750 Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum

Cross Credit

A candidate awarded the Massey University Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing, or its equivalent from another tertiary institution, may apply to cross-credit up to 60 eligible credits to the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing. Conditions for cross crediting are published in Recognition and Prior Learning Regulations* on the Massey University Website. Cross crediting courses will reduce your overall timeframe to complete the programme/qualification.

However, as all courses for this pathway/qualification are compulsory. Credits awarded by other tertiary institutions are only eligible for cross credit if they:

- Are equivalent to the compulsorily clinical courses.
- Were completed with a tertiary institution that also offers an approved (NCNZ) master's programme [including a designated prescribing and nurse practitioner practicum].

Send your academic transcripts and a current CV to nursing@massey.ac.nz to discuss your options.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PGDip (Nurs)



BEFORE APPLYING CHECK THAT YOU:

- Have reviewed all documents pertinent to Registered Nurse Prescribing in Primary Health and Specialty Teams on the NCNZ website.
- Meet the academic, professional, clinical and practicum requirements.

* Refer to *Useful Links* on page 23

Structure

[120 Credits]

Choose ONE of:



COMPULSORY COURSES ELECTIVE COURSES

Master of Nursing MN

including Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners

**3 YEARS FULL-TIME
4 YEARS PART-TIME**

Entry Requirements

Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners (60 credits) may be taken to complete Part Two of the Master of Nursing or following completion of an eligible Master's degree.

Admission to the 168860 Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners requires that candidates meet the general University Entry Requirements for Postgraduate Nursing Programmes/Qualifications, as well as the other prerequisites listed below.

In addition, candidates must have completed the following prerequisite courses (or equivalent) that meet the cross-credit criteria below:

- 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology (must have attained a B grade or higher) AND,
- 168734 Clinical Pharmacology (must have attained a B grade or higher) AND,
- 168728 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making (B grade or higher) OR, • 168714 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making (B grade or higher) AND,
- 168711 Health Research Design and Methods

It is not required that candidates complete 168750 Registered Nurse Prescribing practicum before applying for Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners. Many students do complete both BUT as they prepare nurses for different types of prescriber and different scopes of practice, it is not essential. Registered nurses with prescribing authority have a valuable role that addresses different and distinct needs in the health sector.

Professional Entry Requirements

Potential candidates must also meet the following criteria:

- Be a registered nurse (enrolled nurses are not eligible) with a practising certificate from the Nursing Council of New Zealand (candidates with overseas registration only are NOT eligible to enter the Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners).
- A minimum of four years of clinical experience in a relevant area of practice (at time of application to NCNZ). This must be in a clinical/patient-facing role and it is recommended that this is at a senior nurse level (e.g. clinical nurse specialist).
- At least one of those years must have been in New Zealand or a similar healthcare context.
- Clearly defined NP role (population based, broad range of presentations) relevant to the regulatory framework for Nurse Practitioners.

Practicum Requirements

The employer must agree to:

- Provide and support a practicum of 500 supernumerary hours of supervised clinical practice (includes working towards: managing entire encounters [from assessment, examination, formulating a targeted diagnostic testing plan, sifting differential diagnoses, diagnostic reasoning, planning/prescribing/directing treatment, referral to other services, monitoring and evaluating response]).
- Release time to complete at least 80 hours in a secondary placement.
- Provide a named Clinical Supervisor (senior medical or nurse practitioner) to provide formal and informal supervision.
- Support access to a NP mentor if their Clinical Supervisor is not a NP.
- Support independent professional supervision (during and after the practicum)
- Provide access to a medical or nurse practitioner during practicum clinical practice, at all times.
- Ensure candidate is able to request investigations/diagnostic tests.
- Ensure candidate has access to read and write in clinical record (alongside medical notes).

Application/Funding Requirements

The Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners practicum, is funded nationally (as part of the Nurse Practitioner Training Programme [NPTP]) and applications are accepted based on strict eligibility criteria. The additional entry requirements are derived from both Nursing Council of New Zealand requirements for Nurse Practitioners, as well as funding criteria (set by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora) for this course/programme.

Email nursing@massey.ac.nz for current requirements.

Structure

Candidates must complete the following 120 credits:

- 168733 Physiology & Pathophysiology
- 168734 Clinical Pharmacology (B grade or higher)
- 168728 Assessment & Clinical Decision-Making, (B grade or higher), OR
- 168714 Assessment & Clinical Decision-Making in Mental Health (B grade or higher)

Cross Credit

A candidate awarded the Massey University Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing or Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (or their equivalent from another tertiary institution), may apply to cross-credit up to 120 eligible credits towards the Master of Nursing. Conditions for cross crediting are published in the Recognition and Prior Learning Regulations* on the Massey University Website. The final 800 level course must be completed at Massey University. Cross crediting courses will reduce your overall timeframe to complete the programme/qualification.

However, for the clinical compulsory courses in the Master of Nursing, credits awarded by other tertiary institutions are only eligible for cross credit if they:

- Are equivalent to the Massey's compulsory clinical courses.
- Were completed with a tertiary institution that also offers an approved (by NCNZ) postgraduate diploma or master's programme [including a RN prescribing and NP practicum].

Send your academic transcripts and a current CV to nursing@massey.ac.nz to discuss your options.

Further Reading/Resources

You may find the following article helpful:
Key, J., & Hoare, K. (2020). Nurse prescribing in New Zealand - the difference in levels of prescribing explained. The New Zealand Medical Journal, 133(1524), 111-118.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MN



BEFORE APPLYING CHECK THAT YOU:

- Have reviewed the following documents published on the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) website (Nurse Practitioner page):
 - Guidelines for Applicants
 - Nurse Practitioner Competencies
- Meet the academic, professional, and practicum requirements and have reviewed the current application and funding process.

* Refer to *Useful Links* on page 23

Structure

Part One [180 Credits]

Choose ONE of:

Physiology & Pathophysiology 168733 [30 Credits]	Clinical Pharmacology 168734 [30 Credits]	Assessment & Clinical Decision-Making 168728 [30 Credits]	Health Research Design & Method 168711 [30 Credits]	An elective course from the MN Course Schedule [30 Credits]	An elective course from the MN Course Schedule [30 Credits]
		Assessment & Clinical Decision-Making in Mental Health 168714 [30 Credits]			

Part Two [60 Credits]

Prescribing and Advanced Practice for Nurse Practitioners
[60 Credits]

Plan ahead for successful studying

The clinical setting is increasingly busy, which can affect your physical health, cognitive load and overall energy and resilience. You can expect to spend 20-25 hours a week studying for each 30-credit course. Therefore, you will need to plan your study time carefully and explore decreasing other demands on your time with your whānau and workplace. This is especially important if you wish to complete a master's program or a prescribing pathway (as these usually have B-/B grade entry requirements). Candidates who do not create space/time for study are more likely to withdraw or get lower grades and are less likely to complete their program. In addition to freeing up your time, other things that can help you study successfully include:

- Applying for leave or reducing your working hours (if your courses have been funded, you may be entitled to study leave even if there are no on-campus "study days").
- Do not enrol in too many courses at once. If you are working more than 20 hours a week, it is unlikely you will have the capacity to manage more than one 30-credit course per semester (remembering that each 30-credit course requires 20-25 hours per week of study).
- If you are planning a trip (for more than a week) or are expecting a significant life event to occur during weeks 1-12 of the semester, you should consider taking a study break. This will ensure that you do not miss scheduled learning activities or assignment deadlines and perhaps more importantly, you will not increase your workload for the remaining weeks of the semester.
- Lastly, use the available resources and support to help you hone your study/academic skills and to maximise your grades. This is especially important if you are new to studying in New Zealand and/or at postgraduate level, or if you have not studied for a while, struggle with scholarly skills (such as academic writing) or if you need help with studying/writing in English. Massey University offers a lot of academic support from resources to teaching sessions to one-to-one coaching.

YOU'LL BE SUPPORTED ALL THE WAY

The teams at Massey University want you to succeed! To this end there are numerous resources, short courses, online tutorials and support teams to help you study successfully. These include:

Before you start

- Our academic advisors can help you with study planning* before you start.
- There are also numerous resources on the Massey University website that do not require a Massey user account to access. These include the Online Writing and Learning Link (OWLL)* website, which hosts a series of resources on study skills, referencing, academic writing and more, as well as the Skills needed for study* webpage.
- Access our Library* website to find information on searching the literature using Massey's databases.
- If you have questions about our nursing programmes, courses, entry requirements, cross crediting or either of our prescribing pathways, email nursing@massey.ac.nz.

Once you are enrolled

In addition to the above resources, you can access the following once you are enrolled.

- Get ready for studying; explore the resources and links on the Prep 4 Study Stream course.
- Get one-to-one study skills (time management, study environment etc) coaching from the candidate achievement team email achievement@massey.ac.nz. Our data shows that candidates who engage early with our achievement team attain higher grades and are less likely to withdraw.
- Look on the Massey Library website for guidance on using referencing software.
- Explore the resources on the Academic Support Stream Course
- You can meet with a candidate success advisor (online or on-campus) or a writing coach if you have a particular academic skill concern.

- You can enrol in the University Readiness short courses* (10 hours each), these are free and cover academic reading, academic writing, critical thinking and numeracy for university study.
- Literature searching tutorial.
- AI Essentials Stream course
- Studiosity, a 24/7 online service that offers academic advice, writing feedback and peer support during your study.

During the semester

In addition to the above you can also access support that can help you study for your course/s. The following are available via the Academic Support Stream course

- Academic Q and A resources,
- Learner success advisors,
- Writing coaches
- Assignment pre-reading

Other support includes:

- Health subject librarians [book an online or on-campus appointment online via the library website].
- Cultural support there are both Māori* and Pacific* support teams and writing coaches you can access.

* Refer to *Useful Links* on page 23

Which qualification is the best one for you?

I am a registered nurse and want to start my postgraduate studies

Start with a Postgraduate Certificate Nursing [60 credits] and choose either:

- Any two courses from the course schedule that interest you (if you want to choose specialty courses such as critical care, you can but you may find those courses easier after completing the three compulsory clinical courses from the Master of Nursing).

OR:

- Choose 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology and one more compulsory clinical course from the Master of Nursing, or the Master of Health Science [Nursing] course schedule. This will allow you to use your credit towards your chosen Masters or a PG Diploma.

I am not sure what my career plans are right now

1. Enrol in a Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing [60 credits] or Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing [120 credits] to maximise your later choices select the following courses:

- 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology.
- 168734 Clinical Pharmacology
- [Stop at Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing to consider your options].

OR:

2. Enrol in or continue to a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing select the following courses:

- 168728 Assessment and Clinical Decision Making OR 168714 Assessment and Clinical Decision Making

THEN:

- 168713 Evidence Based Practice OR 168711 Health Research Design and Method

Check MN page to see which one you should choose.

I am a nurse manager or a nurse leader and want to complete a Postgraduate Diploma or Master's Degree

Choose at least ONE of the following courses:

- 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology

OR:

- 168713 Evidence Based Practice

OR:

- 168711 Health Research Design and Method

THEN:

- Choose any other elective courses (to a total of 120 Credits) to complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing.

OR:

- If you have completed 168713 Evidence Based Practice you can enrol in the Master of Health Science (Nursing) [Professional Pathway] and choose leadership and/or management focused courses from the Master of Health Science Schedule.
- If you have completed 168711 Health Research Design and Method you can enrol in the Master of Health Science (Nursing) [Research Pathway] choose research courses from the Master of Health Science Schedule.

I am already or want to be a Clinical Nurse Specialist or other advanced nursing practice role

Enrol in a Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing [60 credits] or Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing [120 credits] and choose at least three of the compulsory clinical courses from the Master of Nursing Course Schedule. Then you can choose to enrol in the Master of Nursing, complete two more courses before progressing to Part Two of the Master of Nursing. (There are grade requirements for entry into Part Two and three Part Two options to choose from, to best suit your career trajectory).

I am interested in doing a Master's with a research focus

There are a few options:

- You can enrol in the Master of Nursing programme (240 credits) and choose the Research Report (60 credits) for Part Two.

OR:

- You can enrol in the Master of Health Science (Nursing), (180 credits) and choose between 60-120 credits of research (either report or thesis).

I want to be a Nurse Practitioner

Complete all four compulsory courses and two additional courses of your choice in the Master of Nursing Part One. Then apply to enter Part Two which includes 168860 Prescribing and advanced practice for Nurse Practitioners. (There are grade requirements for entry

into Part Two as well as additional, clinical, professional and practicum prerequisites).

There are grade requirements that must be achieved - See prescribing pathway number 2.

I am a registered nurse and want to gain prescribing authority (NCNZ refer to this as a Registered Nurse Prescriber) in Primary and Specialty Care.

The academic requirements include the following courses to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing with RN Prescribing [120 credits]:

- 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology.
- 168734 Clinical Pharmacology
- 168728 Assessment and Clinical Decision Making OR 168714 Assessment and Clinical Decision Making THEN
- 168750 Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum

There are grade requirements that must be achieved - See prescribing pathway number 1.

I am thinking about moving to Massey, can I bring my previous credits with me?

If you wish to change Tertiary Education Provider, it is usually best to do this at the end of your Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing or Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing programmes. This is because you cannot cross credit more than 50% of the credits into any Massey programme. There are also other conditions and it is recommended that you read Massey's Recognition of Prior Learning* Regulations and/or discuss your options by emailing nursing@massey.ac.nz.

I am not sure my academic skills are good enough for postgraduate study

If you are new to studying in New Zealand or are not confident in your academic writing skills you can either:

Choose Course: 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology, which introduces and facilitates the acquisition of academic skills (a B grade is required for Nurse Practitioner Pathway but not for RN Prescribing). AND ALSO explore our Academic Readiness Padlet* for courses and resources to hone your academic skills, before the semester starts.

Our nursing courses

700 Level Courses (NZQA Level 8)

168702 ISSUES IN NURSING (30 CREDITS) SPECIAL TOPIC COURSE: OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE



'Issues in Nursing: Occupational Health Nursing Practice' aims to provide participants with current knowledge of topical issues related to occupational health nursing in New Zealand. The specialist knowledge base and skills for working in various occupational health settings will be critically examined. Application of specialist knowledge and skills will be explored, underscored by evidence-based practice. The course considers the three important aspects of occupational health nursing: health promotion, health protection, and disease prevention. Not run every year.

168703 MANAGING LONG-TERM CONDITIONS (30 CREDITS)



Long term conditions, particularly those living with multimorbidity, are now a common presentation to all health services. Maintaining wellness and helping people to manage their illness requires the support of multiple services and specialties, with a diverse professional team that addresses social, clinical, and individual needs. Ensuring continuity of care across departments and services is key and nurses have a role in helping achieve effective care. Students will explore and critique Evidence-Based strategies, including self-management and models of chronic care, to improve health service delivery and optimise health and independence.

168709 CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO CLINICAL TEACHING AND LEARNING (30 CREDITS)



An examination of a range of theoretical perspectives and sociomaterial and sociocultural aspects influencing clinical teaching and learning. Sociomaterial and sociocultural perspectives recognise that learning is influenced by the context, by human and non-human aspects, and by the variety of interactions occurring in the learning space. Alternative approaches to the design, delivery, and assessment of practice-based education are explored.

168711 HEALTH AND RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHOD (30 CREDITS)



The overall aim of this course is to support students in reading, understanding, critiquing research, and understanding the potential, fascination, and implications of research translation into clinical and professional practice. As practitioners with a health focus, it is essential to support change and improve services for people in Aotearoa, New Zealand and globally. This course explores the philosophical ethical and methodological concepts of research design.

168712 PAIN MANAGEMENT (30 CREDITS)



The multidimensional aspects of pain management including physiological and psychological components are examined. This knowledge is applied to refine nursing interventions in order to manage the pain experienced by people with acute or chronic ill-health conditions and those receiving palliative care.

168713 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE (30 CREDITS)



'Evidence-Based Practice' aims to instil and encourage students to adopt an evidence-based philosophy to optimise healthcare outcomes. The course is coordinated through the School of Nursing, in close collaboration with all of the schools in the College of Health, Te Kura Hawora Tangata, at Massey University.

168714 ASSESSMENT AND CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING IN MENTAL HEALTH (30 CREDITS)



This practical course advances students' comprehensive assessment, formulation, clinical decision making, and treatment planning abilities in a range of clinical settings within mental health nursing. Emphasis is placed on trauma-responsive and culturally affirming practices alongside evidence-based tools, frameworks, and approaches. You will need to be working in a clinical/patient facing role to complete the assessments for this course.

168719 CLINICAL SPECIALITY: OLDER PERSON'S HEALTH (30 CREDITS)



'Clinical Speciality: Older Health' aims to provide participants with current knowledge of topical issues related to older people's health and well-being. The specialist knowledge base and skills for working in a various of older persons' health settings will be critically examined. Their application in particular practice contexts explored, underscored by evidence-based practice.

168720 PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS IN MENTAL HEALTH (30 CREDITS)



This practical course enhances students' clinical nursing practice through the teaching of advanced treatment planning and evidence-based mental health interventions. Key concepts and skills are drawn from psychological interventions such as Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT), and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). Emphasis is also placed on reflective practice and clinician self-care.

168721 KAWA WHAKARURUHAU - CULTURAL SAFETY IN CLINICAL PRACTICE (30 CREDITS)



Kawa Whakaruruahu - cultural safety is essential to improving health outcomes for Māori and other populations. This course aims to explore cultural systems and improve care through developing practitioner awareness of difference, decolonising, considering power relationships and barriers to clinical effectiveness. Practitioners can act to overcome racism within the structures, policies, and practices of their organisations and the health system.

168722 WOUND MANAGEMENT (30 CREDITS)



The multidimensional aspects of wound management including physiological, pathophysiological and psychological components are examined and applied in the clinical practice setting. We will look at wound aetiology and the effects different healing profiles have on our patients. We will investigate the many types of wounds, both common and less so, both acute and chronic, and demonstrate the importance of evidence-based practice to ensure better outcomes for our patients.

168724 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (30 CREDITS)



'Primary Health Care' aims to provide primary health nurses with practice-based knowledge relevant to the care of people in community-based settings. The course addresses the notion of aligning nursing practice with community needs as understood through the lens of the social determinants of health. The course recognises the increasing importance of primary health care nursing in sustaining service delivery. The course framework allows each student to focus on the population most relevant to their practice and explore the needs of this population through the course work and assignments.

168728 ASSESSMENT AND CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING (30 CREDITS)



'Assessment and Clinical Decision Making' aims to enable postgraduate students to develop advanced clinical nursing assessment knowledge and skills, which will assist them in their current and/or prospective clinical work. These knowledge and skills are developed through clinical experience, critical thinking and appropriate research and facilitate the implementation of individualised nursing care for consumers of health care services. You will need to be working in a clinical/patient facing role to complete the assessments for this course.

168731 LEADERSHIP IN NURSING (30 CREDITS)



Leadership in professional practice is explored within the broader context of health care. The course critically examines the political, legislative, economic, ethical and cultural issues influencing nursing leadership and the provision of health services within particular scopes of practice.

168733 PHYSIOLOGY AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (30 CREDITS)



Change to 'Physiology and Pathophysiology' includes translational and clinically relevant physiology and pathophysiology that can be applied to nursing practice. There is an emphasis on common medical conditions that are prevalent in New Zealand. Selected signs, symptoms and other findings, are also explored and integrated with the relevant pathophysiological changes to inform nursing care.

168734 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (30 CREDITS)



'Clinical Pharmacology' focuses on introducing the fundamentals of pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and pharmacotherapeutics. In addition, the objective of this course is to teach an approach to the study of pharmacologic agents. In doing so, it is intended that participants will acquire an overall understanding of how drugs act and be able to begin applying this knowledge critically.

168737 FOUNDATIONS IN CRITICAL CARE NURSING (30 CREDITS)



This course is designed to build foundational nursing knowledge and skills essential for the safe care of critically ill patients and their families. It explores key principles, concepts, and practices in critical care nursing, equipping students to provide comprehensive care in high-acuity settings. The course is suitable for registered nurses working in any critical care environment—ranging from specialised ward-based care to intensive care, high dependency units, step-down units, emergency departments, or post-anaesthetic care, where patients require close monitoring and advanced interventions. Students must be employed in a critical care setting and have completed at least an orientation in their unit before starting the course.

168736 ADVANCED CRITICAL CARE NURSING (30 CREDITS)



This course is designed for experienced critical care nurses looking to expand their knowledge and skills in the field. It focuses on developing advanced nursing expertise to provide safe, high-quality care for critically ill patients and their families. To enrol, students must be currently working in a critical care specialty and have at least six months of experience in the field prior to commencement.

168750 REGISTERED NURSE PRESCRIBING PRACTICUM (30 CREDITS)



'Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum' During this practicum, students will build upon their previous clinical experience and academic study including pathophysiology, physical/psychosocial assessment, diagnostic reasoning and pharmacotherapeutics. In their clinical setting, students will work towards managing patient encounters for long-term and common conditions and/or contraception and health promotion (depending on the area of practice). They will develop their clinical decision-making, diagnostic sifting, prescribing competence and will work towards meeting the NCNZ RN prescribing competencies under the supervision of a prescribing mentor.

168796 HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (30 CREDITS)



A course designed to equip nurses with knowledge and skills to address the inequities in health that children and young people face on an individual level, nationally and globally. Through exploration, analysis and integration of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), nurses will identify strategies to improve the wellbeing of current and future generations.

152742 HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT (30 CREDITS)



The health care systems of New Zealand and selected nations are compared and critically analysed from a management perspective.

152746 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN HEALTH SERVICE MANAGEMENT (30 CREDITS)



Issues relevant to the efficient and effective delivery of health services are identified and examined.

251731 ADVANCED OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (30 CREDITS)



An examination of current issues in Occupational Health and Safety and issues commonly found in the work environment.

252701 SLEEP AND CIRCADIAN SCIENCE FOR HEALTH PRACTITIONERS (30 CREDITS)



An examination of sleep and circadian science in relation to health and healthcare, including healthy sleep, sleep disorders and sleep in those with medical conditions.

150701 TINO RANGATIRATANGA: STRATEGIC MĀORI DEVELOPMENT (30 CREDITS)



Strategies for Māori advancement are examined within a Māori development framework. Barriers to development and the facilitation of positive development are explored using criteria relevant to indigenous self-determination. There is a focus on land, fisheries, social policy, health, Treaty settlements and opportunities for positive development.

152700 ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT (30 CREDITS)



A study of the theories of management and their application within organisations.

152743 HEALTH LAW AND POLICY (30 CREDITS)



The interrelationship between health law and health policy is examined with an emphasis on practical health care dilemmas.

800 Level Courses (NZQA Level 9)

You can only do these 800 level courses once you have completed Part One of your master's qualification and have achieved the required grades.

MASTER OF NURSING PART TWO

PRESCRIBING AND ADVANCED PRACTICE FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS [NP PRACTICUM] (60 CREDITS)



This supervised Nurse Practitioner practicum may be taken to complete Part Two of the Master of Nursing programme/qualification.

The practicum has been designed to foster advanced clinical assessment, independent diagnostic/clinical decision making, prescribing competence and the autonomous management of episodes of care. Candidates will work towards achievement of Nursing Council of New Zealand

competencies for Nurse Practitioners. There are academic, professional and practicum entry requirements defined by the Nursing Council of New Zealand. Currently, applicants must apply to a national fund (as part of the Nurse Practitioner Training Scheme) and funding is allocated based on criteria set by Health NZ | Te Whatu Ora. If you are working towards NP registration, you should read all publications relating to Nurse

Practitioner training/scope on the Nursing Council of New Zealand website and the Nurse Practitioner New Zealand website. This will help to ensure you are eligible to apply when you are ready to start Part Two of the Master of Nursing. You also need to ensure that your clinical experience will meet eligibility requirements (some people change their role to a clinical one, in order to meet entry requirements).

Please see prescribing pathway section for further details.

168890 RESEARCH REPORT (60 CREDITS)



As a beginner researcher, you may have lots of ideas for research, particularly if you are already working in your chosen profession. This course aims to provide health professionals with the skills and knowledge to enable them to undertake research in practice. This course guides health professionals through the research process, culminating in a final research report.

168861 CLINICAL PROJECT (60 CREDITS)



The clinical project requires the student to negotiate, plan and implement a project in a clinical setting that meets an identified need related to leading change, quality processes, education or praxis. The project will be guided by an appropriate theoretical perspective and includes a critical review of relevant literature that informs the project's purpose and outcomes.

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE (NURSING) PART TWO COURSES

Professional Pathway

250816 PROFESSIONAL PROJECT (60 CREDITS)



Professional practice within the subject area that will be conducted individually and assessment of the outcome of the investigation may be in a variety of ways.

Research Pathway

250817 RESEARCH REPORT (60 CREDITS)



Candidates are required to conduct a piece of independent research under supervision and to produce a report of the research for examination.

250811 AND 250812 PART ONE AND PART TWO OF 90 CREDIT THESIS (90 CREDITS)

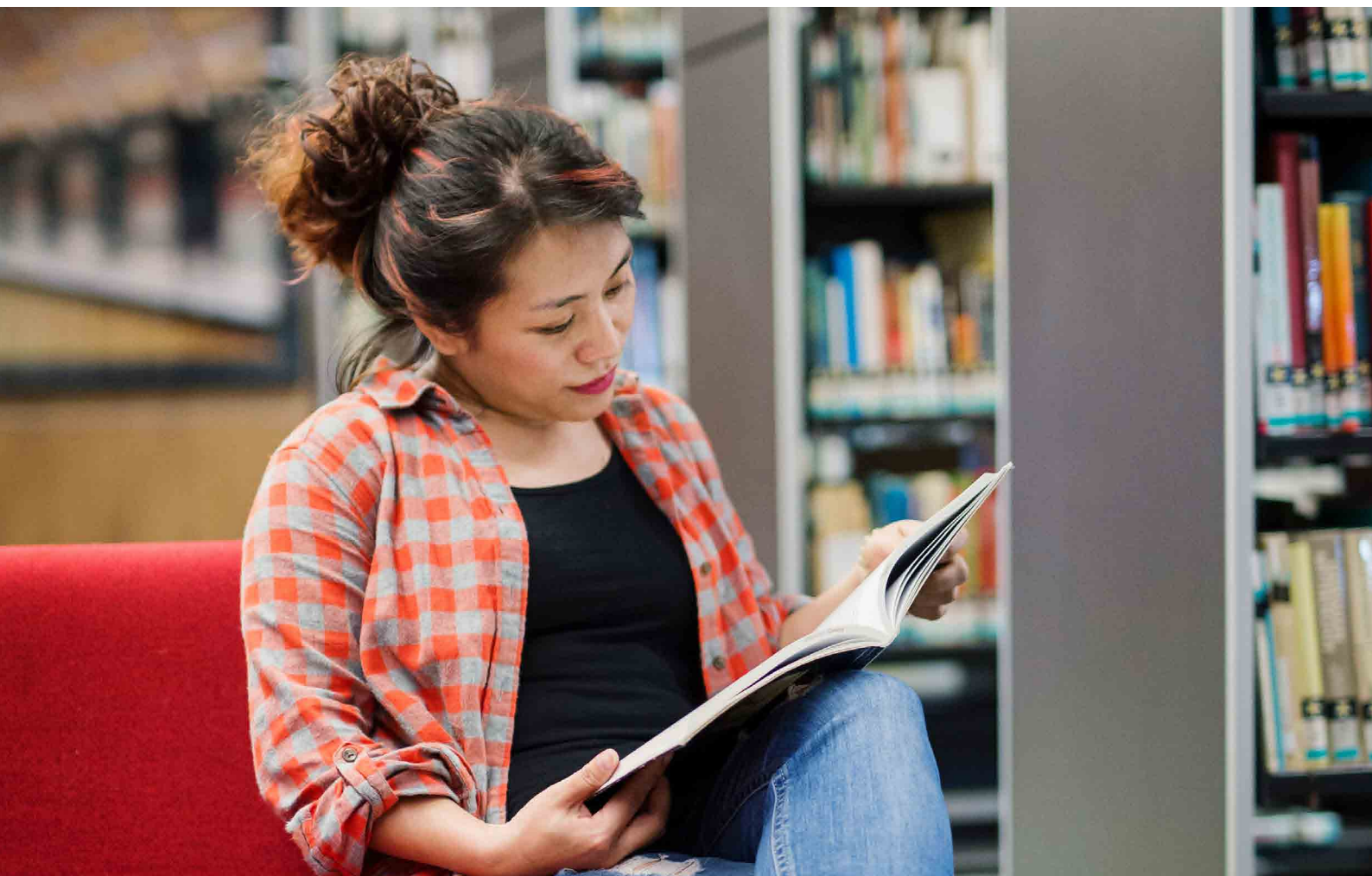


A supervised and guided independent study resulting in a published work.

250814 AND 250815 PART ONE AND PART TWO OF 120 CREDIT THESIS (120 CREDITS)



A supervised and guided independent study resulting in a published work.



Compulsory and elective course schedules

Course		Programme/Qualification					
		PGCert	PGDip	PGDip RN Prescribing	MN	MN with NP Pathway	MHthSc
168733	Physiology and Pathophysiology	✓	■	●	●	●	✓
168734	Clinical Pharmacology	✓	✓	●	●	●	✓
168728	Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making	✓	✓	◆	◆	◆	
168714	Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making in Mental Health	✓	✓	◆	◆	◆	
168711	Health Research Design and Method	✓	■		★	●	✓
168713	Evidence-Based Practice	✓	■		★	✓	✓
150701	Tino Rangatiratanga: Strategic Māori Development						✓
152700	Organisation and Management						✓
152742	Health Systems Management	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
152746	Contemporary Issues in Health Service Management	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
152743	Health Law and Policy						✓
168702	Issues in Nursing	✓	✓		✓	✓	
168703	Managing Long Term Conditions	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
168709	Contemporary Approaches to Clinical Teaching and Learning	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
168712	Pain Management	✓	✓		✓	✓	
168717	Applied Ethics for Professional Practice	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
168719	Clinical Specialty: Older Person's Health	✓	✓		✓	✓	
168720	Psychological Interventions in Mental Health	✓	✓		✓	✓	
168721	Kawa Whakaruruhau: Cultural Safety in Clinical Practice	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
168722	Wound Management	✓	✓		✓	✓	
168724	Primary Health Care in Practice	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
168731	Leadership in Nursing	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
168736	Advanced Critical Care Nursing	✓	✓		✓	✓	
168737	Foundations in Critical Care Nursing	✓	✓		✓	✓	
168750	Registered Nurse Prescribing			●	✓	✓	
168796	Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
251731	Advanced Occupational Health and Safety	✓	✓		✓	✓	
252701	Sleep and Circadian Science for Health Practitioners	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

Key

- ✓ Elective
- Compulsory
- ★ Choose one of 168711 Health Research Design and Method or 168713 Evidence-Based Practice
- ◆ Choose one of 168728 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making or 168714 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making in Mental Health
- Choose one of 168733 Physiology and Pathophysiology or 168711 Health Research Design and Method or 168713 Evidence Based Practice



Useful links



RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING



STUDY PLANNING



ONLINE WRITING AND LEARNING



LITERATURE SEARCHING TUTORIAL



MĀORI STUDY SUPPORT



SKILLS NEEDED FOR STUDY



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