



WELLINGTON

University of Otago, Wellington

Te Whare Wānanga o Otago ki Pōneke



Nau mai, haere mai, welcome

The University of Otago, Wellington is a satellite campus of the University of Otago, and part of the Otago Medical School.

The Pōneke (Wellington) campus of the University of Otago offers a wide range of postgraduate qualifications in health sciences, as well as an undergraduate degree in Radiation Therapy and final years of study for undergraduate Medicine, Physiotherapy, Dietetics and Pharmacy.

Many of our more than 1,000 students have worked in health and other disciplines for a number of years, while others are recent university graduates. This creates a great environment to learn from the experiences of others, whether you choose a programme taught on campus or online.

A unique part of the University of Otago, Wellington experience is our location on a tertiary hospital campus. Many of our teaching and research staff hold joint positions with our local hospitals, bringing close clinical links, collaboration and exchange of knowledge with the region's health service providers. Others are embedded in the local community, providing strong links to primary care, including Māori health providers Ora Toa and Kokiri Marae.

We acknowledge the mana whenua in our region, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika and Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Our beautiful kākahu (cloak) illustrates the significance of te ao Māori for our campus.

We are proud to be Wellington's medical and health science campus, and of the role we play in making a difference to the health of New Zealanders. We invite you to find out more about the exceptional experience and opportunities we offer.

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.

Professor William Levack
Manutaki – Dean and Head of Campus
University of Otago, Wellington



Wellington – the coolest little capital in the world

Pōneke (Wellington) is a great place to study. It's a vibrant city, renowned for its food, diversity, entertainment and arts culture. It is New Zealand's second most populous city and the seat of parliament.

Everything is easily accessible including opportunities to venture out and explore the outdoors. The stunning waterfront, business and entertainment precincts are just minutes away from our conveniently located campus.

You can explore Te Papa, our national museum, or view the original Treaty of Waitangi at the National Library. From Mātairangi (Mount Victoria) you can look out over our harbour, Te Whanganui-a-Tara, and the beautiful cityscape on land shaped by the taniwha, Ngake and Whāitaitai.



Why study with us?

He aha e whai tohu ai koe ki konei?

University of Otago, Wellington

Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo ki Pōneke

- 40+ postgraduate programmes
- New Zealand's only undergraduate radiation therapy qualification
- An award-winning facility located in Newtown, next to Wellington Hospital
- Progressive programme structures – gain qualifications from postgraduate certificate to PhD level
- An inspirational academic team comprising a “who’s who” of leading health educators and researchers
- Many programmes are distance taught so you can fit your study in around other commitments
- Māori and Pacific values, content and support are integral to our programmes
- Research-informed teaching to take you further in a fast-changing health sector
- Outstanding study skills support
- PhD and master’s research opportunities within teams of internationally recognised researchers and clinicians
- Leading provider of health research in Wellington
- The most comprehensive health sciences and medical library in the region, with expert staff on hand to help with study
- Great cafés on our doorstep in Newtown – arguably Wellington’s coolest little suburb

1%

Otago is ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world (QS World Rankings)



New Zealand's longest-established Health Sciences research and teaching institution

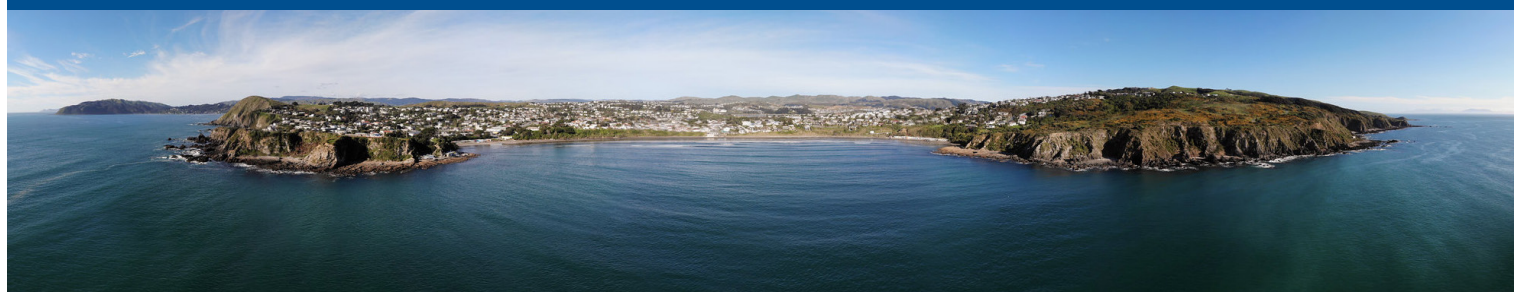
5+



“5-stars-plus” ranking reflects Otago’s quality and excellence (QS Stars)

#1

New Zealand's #1 university for educational performance (TEC Educational Performance Indicators)



Undergraduate opportunities

Hei whai wāhi mā ngā tauira paetahi



Radiation Therapy

Haumanu Iraruke

Radiation Therapy is a highly skilled and in-demand health profession, involving planning and delivery of radiation treatment and care for patients with cancer. The three-year

Bachelor of Radiation Therapy degree, taught from our Wellington campus, will qualify you to practice as a radiation therapist, with excellent career opportunities in New Zealand and overseas. The degree programme can be entered directly from college or can follow other tertiary study such as Health Sciences First Year. It combines a variety of learning from health science to technology, patient care and teamwork. Students go on clinical placements at cancer centres around the country.

The University of Otago, Wellington is proud to be Aotearoa's national provider of radiation therapy education.



Medicine

Whaiora

Established in Dunedin in 1875, the University of Otago's Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree is New Zealand's largest programme with an intake of 300 students each year.

Around 100 students come to the Wellington campus for years four to six of their degree, after three years of study in Dunedin. During their time in Wellington they learn through clinical exposure to patients across a wide range of sites and medical disciplines. Groups of students rotate through specific context-based block modules in hospital, community, in-patient and out-patient settings, both urban and rural. Students may also apply to spend their fifth year in the Rural Medical Immersion Programme (RMIP), which entails being part of a small group based in one of six rural centres.

Students also have opportunities to choose research projects and specific aspects of community-based clinical immersion learning. Through strong links to Māori health providers, our students benefit greatly from the experience and competence that placements with these providers bring.



Postgraduate opportunities

Hei whai wāhi mā ngā tāura paeake

We offer more than 40 postgraduate programmes, including postgraduate certificates and diplomas, honours, masters' and PhDs, that build on your skills and professional experience.

Some are available on campus, while many are taught through our distance learning programme, giving you the flexibility to work and study from anywhere in New Zealand or internationally.

Many of our postgraduate programmes are interprofessional, and we welcome people from a range of different backgrounds to study with us.

Broad areas of study include, but are not limited to:



Biomedical Sciences

Rongoā Koiora

We offer a one-year Biomedical Sciences honours programme to students who have completed and performed well in a BBiomedSc or BSc degree from any New Zealand

university in approved disciplines. We also offer a Master of Biomedical Science (MBiomedSc).

Both programmes are excellent stepping stones to PhD study and towards a career in health research in a range of areas including genetics, biochemistry, cancer biology, infectious diseases, molecular biology and pharmacogenomics.



Public Health

Hauora Tūmatanui

The University of Otago's expertise in public health is nationally and internationally recognised. Academics from our Wellington campus have been at the forefront of New

Zealand's response to the COVID-19 pandemic through advisory roles to the New Zealand government and development of outstanding research.

As a postgraduate student at Otago, you will be inspired by leading thinkers in public health, helping you develop skills in:

- Epidemiology
- Health economics
- Health systems
- Pacific health
- Public policy
- Hauora Māori / Māori health
- Health promotion
- How environment and society affect health
- Public health ethics and law
- Research methods

Programmes available:

Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (PGCertPH)

Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (DPH)

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management (PGDipHealMgt)

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Health Management

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)



Primary Health Care and Travel Medicine D

Hauora Mātāmua/ Rongoā Hāereere

We offer a wide range of interprofessional, distance-taught programmes for the primary care workforce throughout New Zealand – including nurses, doctors, practice managers, pharmacists and all primary care professionals. With a rapidly changing primary health sector in Aotearoa, our courses bring modern thinking to healthcare delivery.

Programmes available:

Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Health Care (PGCertPHC)

Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Health Care (PGDipPHC)

Master of Primary Health Care (MPHC)

Postgraduate Certificate in Travel Medicine (PGCertTravMed)

Postgraduate Diploma in Travel Medicine (PGDipTravMed)

Master of Travel Medicine (MTravMed)

Postgraduate opportunities

Hei whai wāhi mā ngā tāura paeake



Rehabilitation D

Whakamātūtunga

The Rehabilitation Teaching and Research Unit (RTRU) offers a suite of distance-taught rehabilitation courses and papers. Our interprofessional programmes help our students widen the scope of their skills and transform their practice by connecting with experts from all fields of rehabilitation.

The postgraduate certificate is particularly suited for those who are looking to satisfy ACC's postgraduate training requirements to hold a vocational rehabilitation contract.

Programmes available:

Postgraduate Certificate in Rehabilitation (PGCertRehab)

Postgraduate Diploma in Rehabilitation (PGDipRehab)

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) – endorsed in Rehabilitation

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)



Aviation and Occupational Medicine D

Mahi Rongoā me Rererangi Rongoā

The Occupational and Aviation Medicine international distance learning programme attracts students from across the world.

The wide range of options means we can tailor a programme to meet the needs of those in the highly specialised professions of occupational medicine, aviation medicine, and aeromedical retrieval and transport.

Programmes available:

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) – endorsed in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) – endorsed in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) – endorsed in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport, Aviation Medicine or Occupational Medicine

Postgraduate Certificate in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (PGCertAeroRT)

Postgraduate Certificate in Civil Aviation Medicine (PGCertCAvMed)

Postgraduate Certificate in Occupational Medicine (PGCertOccMed)

Postgraduate Diploma in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (PGDipAeroRT)

Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Medicine (PGDipOccMed)

Master of Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (MAeroRT)

Master of Aviation Medicine (MAvMed)

Master of Occupational Medicine (MOccMed)



Mental Health D

Hauora Hinengaro

Our Department of Psychological Medicine provides a range of distance-taught postgraduate programmes and papers including cognitive behaviour therapy and suicidology. A combination of on-campus study blocks and flexible online learning allow you to continue working while studying.

Programmes available:

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) – endorsed in Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) – endorsed in Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy

New Paper: Introduction to Suicidology and Suicide Prevention



Medical Technology D

Hangarau Whaiora

For those looking to build on their undergraduate degree and considering a career as a medical technologist in the field of sleep, cardiac or respiratory medicine, we offer a distance-taught postgraduate certificate which can lead to the more specialised postgraduate diploma or a research degree. The most common entry qualification for the certificate is a BSc with a relevant major such as physiology or anatomy.

Programmes available:

Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Technology (PGCertMedTech)

Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Technology (PGDipMedTech)

Master of Medical Science (MMedSc)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Additional programmes

Bachelor of Medical Science with Honours (BMedSc(Hons))

Postgraduate Certificate in Women's Health (PGDipWHlth)

Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health (DCH)

Postgraduate Diploma of Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology (PGDipOMG)

Master of Medical Science (MMedSc)

World-class health research

Te mutunga mai o te rangahau hauora

The University of Otago, Wellington is at the forefront of disseminating research evidence and clinical knowledge to our communities, policymakers, and government and non-government agencies.

We host more than 20 well-established and highly regarded research groups, providing outstanding opportunities for postgraduate research.

Our Pacific Office provides support and expertise to those researching Pacific health in Aotearoa and the Pacific region.

Our public health research groups provide cutting-edge research into critical areas of population health. We have expertise in Māori and Pacific health, infectious diseases, cancer and chronic conditions, healthy eating, health services research, housing, sustainability and the environment, inequalities, mental health and tobacco control. The Eru Pōmare Māori Health Research Centre strives to create a Kaupapa Māori space committed to improving Māori health outcomes and eliminating inequalities.

In primary care, research on health communication is a key focus.

Our Rehabilitation Teaching and Research Unit is a leader and innovator in rehabilitation research and clinical practice. We offer research opportunities relevant to all areas of rehabilitation, including musculoskeletal, neurological, cardiorespiratory, paediatric and vocational rehabilitation.

The Suicide and Mental Health Research Group focuses on interdisciplinary research on suicide prevention and related topics.

The Wellington Asthma Research Group's programme covers clinical, biomedical and public health aspects of allergy, asthma and respiratory research, including studies to investigate novel treatments.

The WellSleep Centre undertakes research on sleep disorders and helping people to improve their sleep. We offer a number of projects in sleep health for thesis-based research.

The Centre for Translational Research is a world-leading research facility offering access to state-of-the-art technology through its laboratories, environmental chamber, body scanning equipment and clinics.

In the areas of surgery and anaesthesia, our multidisciplinary research teams examine new and improved approaches to clinical care delivery and patient monitoring. We use molecular diagnosis, advanced imaging, and prediction models to improve outcomes in patients with cancer, heart disease, and orthopaedic and other surgical conditions.

PhD opportunities

At the University of Otago, Wellington we are committed to providing doctoral level research of the highest calibre.

We offer PhD candidates the opportunity to work alongside world-class medical and health sciences researchers, and have an extensive range of research topics on offer.

otago.ac.nz/wellington/study/postgraduate/research-opportunities

The University of Otago offers 181 doctoral scholarships each year – funding is available to domestic and international students. Information on how to apply, including application forms, is available online:

otago.ac.nz/scholarships



For more information on research masters' and PhDs, please contact:

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Our students

Ā mātou taura



Joseph Southorn

Graduate – Bachelor of Radiation Therapy

“While studying Health Sciences First Year in Dunedin, I was introduced to Radiation Therapy and it ticked so many boxes in terms of my interests. There’s quite a technical basis to it but it’s also focused on improving people’s lives and helping them with their own really challenging situations.”



Wendy Horo-Gregory

Graduate – Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Health Care

“The qualification gave me a better understanding of the sector I work in, the ‘complexity of inequity’, and the role individuals and all healthcare workers collectively play in improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations.”



Carl Shuker

Graduate – Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health

“It was incredible to be taught by people actively practising and making a huge difference in Aotearoa health and policy. I could see their work changing our system around me. I could see it in the medical journals, in the media, in the decisions of government.”



Dr Ngaire Keenan

Te Ātiawa

Doctor of Philosophy candidate (Paediatrics)

“The focus of my PhD is epilepsy in Māori children, an area in which there is very little research available in New Zealand. I am a Māori paediatric registrar working in the Wellington region. I am very interested in Hauora Māori and in paediatric neurology, so it is great that I can bring these strands together to hopefully improve the equity of care in Māori children with epilepsy.”

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