

Te Tari Tapuhi –
Department of Nursing
University of Otago,
Christchurch

POSTGRADUATE



Postgraduate opportunities for registered nurses



Welcome to Nursing at the University of Otago

Tena koutou katoa – greetings to you all from the University of Otago's Te Tari Tapuhi – Department of Nursing.

The New Zealand health sector continues to experience unprecedented times of change and adjustment – putting increased pressure on our nursing workforce. Our Department has been supporting registered nurses with postgraduate study for over 20 years, and we understand the importance for nurses to continue their personal and professional development.

Whether you want to develop your leadership skills, deepen your clinical specialisation or pursue a pathway towards becoming a nurse prescriber or nurse practitioner. Our qualifications are inspiring, transformative and collegial, aiming to introduce you to new ideas and develop your personal interests.

The specialist knowledge you will gain through a postgraduate qualification will advance your nursing career. Our flexible programme delivery ensures you can continue working while studying.

We offer clinically focused postgraduate certificate and diplomas, and masters' and PhD qualifications. Your studies will be supported by easy-to-use online platforms and our staff are on hand to provide study skills support.

You will benefit from the research and learning collaborations the Department has established with leaders in clinical fields and research at the University of Otago, national and international academic colleagues, and partners in the health sector.

The University of Otago's Te Tari Tapuhi – Department of Nursing is approved as an educational provider by the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ).

We wish you well in your studies.

Ngā mihi nui

Dr Virginia Jones
Head of Department



**Unlock your career
progression and meet the
demands of a changing
health sector.**

Programmes of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences – Nursing Endorsements

A coursework qualification open to registered nurses which can usually be completed in one academic year through part-time study. Students undertake two 30-point papers in a specialty nursing area of their choice.

Nursing (High Acuity)

NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 411 Nursing – High Acuity

Nursing (Primary Health Care)

NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 413 Primary Health Care Nursing Rural/Urban

Nursing (Leadership and Management)

NURS 423 Nursing – Leadership and Management I
NURS 424 Nursing – Leadership and Management II

Nursing (Gerontology)

NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 426 Nursing – Gerontology

Advanced Clinical Nursing

NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
One of:

NURS 416 Nursing – Applied Pharmacology or

NURS 427 Long-term Conditions: Pathophysiology and Management

Nursing (Advanced Mental Health)

NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice

NURS 404 Advanced Mental Health Nursing

Nursing (Specialty Mental Health)

NURS 409 Mental Health Nursing Practicum

One of:

NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice

NURS 433 Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing)

A 120-point programme that can usually be completed in two academic years of part-time study, and provides a pathway to research study.

Two 30-point nursing papers normally approved from the list of papers on page 5

and: an approved research methods paper (30 points) normally NURS 415 Nursing Research Methods

and: one further approved paper (30 points).

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing – Primary Health Care)

Two compulsory 30-point papers

- NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
- NURS 413 Primary Health Care Nursing Rural/Urban

and: an approved research methods paper (30 points) normally NURS 415 Nursing Research Methods

and: one further approved paper (30 points).

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Rural Nursing)

Three compulsory 30-point papers

- NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
- NURS 416 Nursing – Applied Pharmacology
- NURS 431 Rural Nursing

and: an approved research methods paper (30 points) normally NURS 415 Nursing Research Methods.

Programmes of study

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

Registered nurses who are studying to become an RN Designated Prescriber are required to undertake this programme of study. Potential candidates must seek departmental approval prior to applying for this programme.

Four compulsory papers as below:

- NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
- NURS 416 Nursing – Applied Pharmacology
- NURS 427 Long-term Conditions: Pathophysiology and Management
- NURS 429 Therapeutics for Advanced Nursing Practice (prerequisites apply and this must be the final paper undertaken in this programme of study).

Master of Advanced Nursing Practice

This new 240-point degree prepares registered nurses for advanced practice nursing as a nurse practitioner.

Two compulsory papers (30 points each) as below:

- NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
- NURS 416 Nursing – Applied Pharmacology

and: three further approved papers to the value of 90 points

and: two prescribing practicums (60 points)

and: a clinically focused research project (30 points).

Master of Health Sciences

A 240-point programme that is a combination of research and coursework and can usually be completed in four years of academic part-time study. The research undertaken for the thesis, research portfolio or dissertation must be related to the registered nurse's areas of advanced nursing practice and potential candidates must seek departmental approval prior to applying for the programme.

Masters' Nursing Endorsements

Master of Health Sciences (Nursing)

Two approved nursing papers (30 points each) from the list of papers on page 5

and: an approved research methods paper (30 points) normally NURS 415 Nursing Research Methods

and: a further approved paper (30 points)

and: a thesis (120 points).

Master of Health Sciences (Nursing Clinical)

1. Research practicum pathway

Three approved papers (each of 30 points each) from the list of papers on page 5

and: an approved research methods paper (30 points) normally NURS 415 Nursing Research Methods

and: a research practicum (120 points).

2. Coursework pathway

Three approved papers (each of 30 points each) from the list of papers on page 5

and: an approved research methods paper (30 points) normally NURS 415 Nursing Research Methods

and: two further approved papers (60 points)

and: a clinically applied dissertation (60 points).

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

A research-only qualification usually completed in three years full-time or the equivalent in part-time study. The PhD has its own admission process and further information for admission requirements can be found in the PhD Handbook.

otago.ac.nz/phd-handbook

Prospective students should contact: nursingstudies.uoc@otago.ac.nz

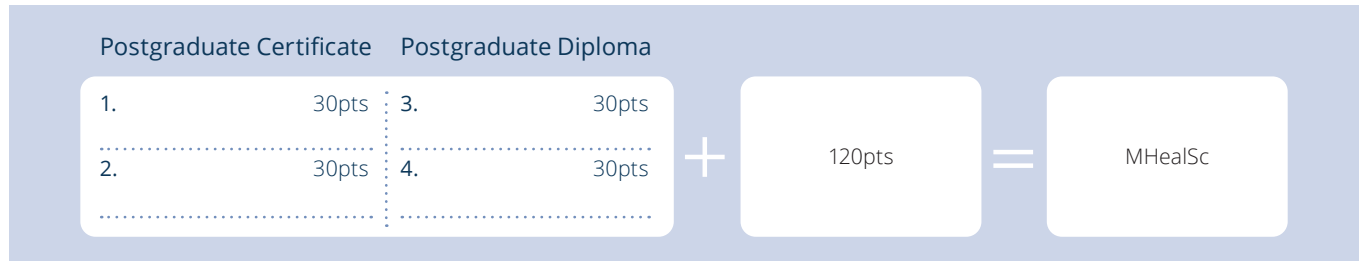
Planning your programme of study

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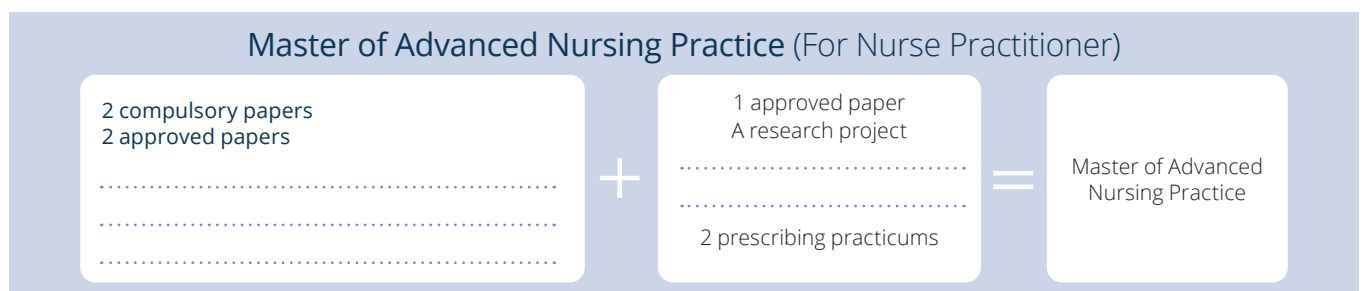
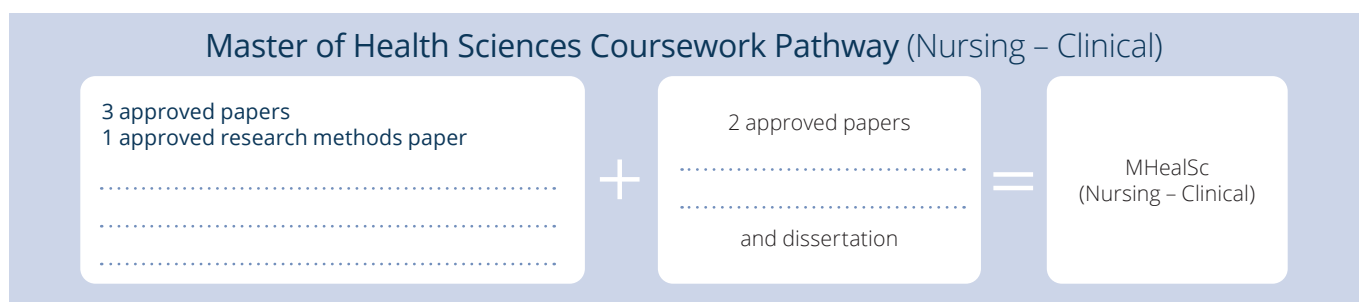
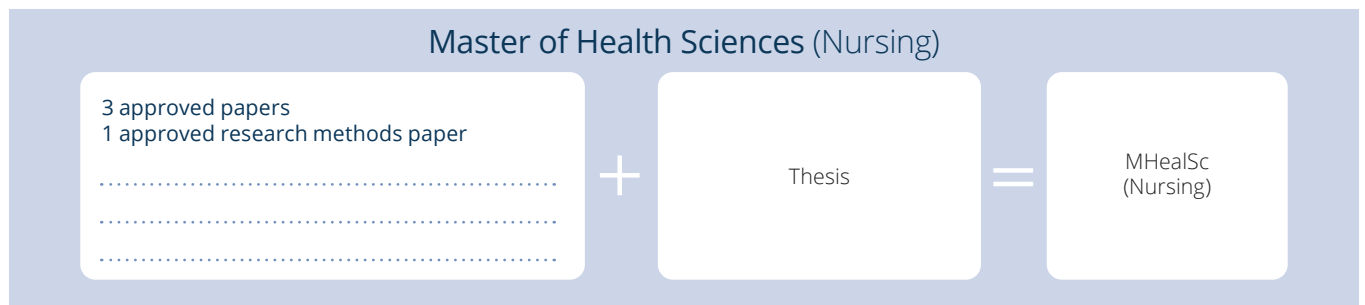
Notes

- Your course of study will require careful planning so please seek guidance on your options.
- Research undertaken for a master's degree must be related to the registered nurse's areas of advanced nursing practice.

Completed by:



Master of Health Sciences Nursing Endorsements



List of papers offered (all 30 points)

Paper	Name
NURS 403	Mental Health Nursing Practice
NURS 404	Advanced Mental Health Nursing
NURS 405	Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 409	Mental Health Nursing Practicum
NURS 411	Nursing – High Acuity
NURS 413	Primary Health Care Nursing Rural/Urban
NURS 415	Nursing Research Methods
NURS 416	Nursing – Applied Pharmacology
NURS 418	Nursing Education – Principles and Practice
NURS 423	Nursing – Leadership and Management I
NURS 424	Nursing – Leadership and Management II
NURS 426	Nursing – Gerontology
NURS 427	Long-term Conditions: Pathophysiology and Management
NURS 429	Therapeutics for Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 430	Advanced Nursing Practicum
NURS 431	Rural Nursing
NURS 433	Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice
NURS 434	Therapeutics: Knowledge and Integration**
NURS 435	Evidence-based Nursing Practice**
NURS 471	Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control
NURS 472	Infection Prevention and Control in Practice
NURS 530	Nurse Practitioner Prescribing Practicum**
NURS 531	Clinical Research Project**

**Limited to Master of Advanced Nursing Practice.

For information about individual papers:
otago.ac.nz/christchurch/study/papers

Other papers offered by the University of Otago that may contribute to your course of study may include (but is not limited) to the following subjects:

- Contenance Management
- Digital Health
- Mental Health
- Musculoskeletal Management
- Pain and Pain Management
- Public Health

**All study, application and admission information
can be found at:
otago.ac.nz/qualifications**

Admission

For admission to all postgraduate programmes, please follow the online process on the University of Otago website. If you are considering master's or doctoral study, please contact the department first for course advice.

otago.ac.nz/qualifications

Student services and support

Postgraduate students have access to a variety of services and support, wherever they are based. Services and support on the Christchurch campus:

- Associate Dean, Postgraduate Studies provides academic advice and pastoral support.
- Student learning development adviser provides both individual learning advice and support and group workshops.
- Māori and Pacific Islands student support.
- Postgraduate Students' Association (PSOC).

otago.ac.nz/services

For general information about studying at the University of Otago, Christchurch visit:

otago.ac.nz/christchurch

Library

Students may use any of the University of Otago libraries on the Christchurch, Dunedin or Wellington campuses.

A specialist Medical and Health Sciences library is located on the Christchurch campus offering a place to study including group study rooms.

otago.ac.nz/library

Scholarships

otago.ac.nz/scholarships

Fees

otago.ac.nz/tuition-fees

Graduation

otago.ac.nz/graduation

Registered nurses enrolling to study with us may be eligible for funding through their employer.

“Distance learning has worked well for me. The staff are always helpful – be it lecturers, librarians, IT technicians or admin staff. Learning by distance has also allowed me to be with my family while studying. The on-campus study blocks are an excellent opportunity for face-to-face connections and networking.”

Caroline Gander, Master of Advanced Nursing Practice

Postgraduate studies in Nursing

Why choose Otago?

- ~ Highly qualified academic staff with clinical links.
- ~ Technology enhanced learning and teaching including a high-quality simulation centre.
- ~ Outstanding Health Sciences research environment.
- ~ Progressive programme structure enabling registered nurses to gain incremental qualifications from postgraduate certificate to postgraduate diploma to master's degree.
- ~ The first graduate entry pre-registration nursing master's in New Zealand.

Postgraduate study is focused on building a strong foundation for advanced practice and leadership roles that are directed towards the future of health and the nursing profession.

Our academic staff are registered nurses whose teaching is informed by professional practice and research. We work collaboratively with health sector leaders to ensure quality academic and research-driven nursing programmes. Otago's long-established reputation for world-class research underpins the Department's aim to build a nursing research programme of international significance.

Programmes offered are aligned with national health policy directives, and are responsive to the increasingly complex healthcare needs of our communities.

The Department offers the following programmes of study.

- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences*
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing – Primary Health Care)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Rural Nursing)
- Master of Health Science (Nursing)
- Master of Health Sciences (Nursing Clinical)
- Master of Advanced Nursing Practice
- Master of Nursing Science
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Study blocks take place in Christchurch but may be offered in Dunedin depending on enrolment numbers.

Our research masters' and PhD programmes enable nurses from clinical practice, education or management to explore ways of improving health outcomes and develop the profession through nurse-led research.

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The Department of Nursing is ranked in the top 100 nursing schools in the world (QS Rankings 2023).

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For enquiries related to admission and enrolment,
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For all other queries, please contact
nursingstudies.uoc@otago.ac.nz

The University reserves the right to add, amend or withdraw programmes and facilities, to restrict student numbers and to make any other alterations as it may deem necessary. The regulations of the University of Otago are published annually in the *University Calendar*.

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