2024
Distance Learning Prospectus
Puka Whakamahuki Akoranga Mamao
Most papers in this prospectus require access to both a computer and the internet. Papers marked with this icon [left] have no requirement for students to attend any course component in New Zealand.

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Welcome to the University of Otago!

Founded in 1869, the University of Otago is New Zealand’s oldest university with an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research. We are committed to working closely with iwi and Māori organisations, and mātauraka Māori has become an integral part of teaching and research across our institution. We also have a long tradition of distance learning in fields where the University has specialist knowledge and expertise. From the very beginning, Otago professors worked hard to make our world-class education available to all. In the 1880s, James Gow Black, the foundation professor of Chemistry, would regularly tour the goldfields of Central Otago to teach and give scientific demonstrations in those distant communities.

Fast forward to the 21st century, and the University now teaches a large number of courses by distance in the Humanities, Sciences, Commerce and Health Sciences. Our courses are comprehensive, known for their rigour and relevance to the modern world. They are also highly accessible: the latest technologies support students’ learning.

All students who are enrolled at Otago, whether at any of the University’s regional hubs or through distance courses, can expect access to up-to-the-minute knowledge, guided by world-renowned experts using sophisticated learning technologies. Otago graduates are in high demand, both within New Zealand and internationally.

As an international university grounded in the South Island community, and with campus locations all around New Zealand, Otago welcomes enrolments from throughout the Australasian and Pacific regions and extends this welcome to those from all parts of the world. I warmly invite you to join our University by enrolling in one of our distance learning programmes.

Nau mai, haere mai.

PROFESSOR HELEN NICHOLSON
Acting Vice-Chancellor

Welcome to Distance Learning at Otago!

The University of Otago has over 150 qualifications (including endorsements) available for you to study by distance. With our emphasis on providing distance programmes in areas where we have specialist knowledge and expertise, it isn’t surprising to find that many programmes focus on aspects of the Health Sciences. However, we also have a number of programmes in Commerce, Sciences and the Humanities fields, in areas such as Business Administration; Digital Health; Physical Education, Sports and Exercise Sciences; Science Communication; Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies; Religious Studies; Education; Social Work; Archaeology; and Theology.

Our distance papers are taught by people who are wonderfully knowledgeable about, and interested in, the subjects they teach. Not surprisingly, given Otago’s research strength, they are also excellent and highly committed researchers. Another strength is the support that comes from the administrative staff who underpin the workings of each paper. Working in collaboration with each other, both teaching and administrative staff are pivotal in ensuring that the papers run smoothly and that your learning experience is a positive one.

It’s not all about us though! Many of you will be studying because you want to update your professional knowledge or advance your career. Others will be studying out of interest or to satisfy a sense of curiosity about a particular topic. Whatever your motivation, our aim is to provide you with a great Otago learning experience and to help you to attain the goals that you have set for yourself in your course of study.

Best wishes for your study this year.

Ngā manaakitanga!

DR SARAH STEIN
Director, Distance Learning
FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS, the University of Otago has been offering distance learning programmes that enable you to update your qualifications wherever you live. Distance study connects you with the best minds without leaving your home or workplace. While the University’s outstanding reputation for excellence in research attracts a diverse range of learners, a large number of distance students are involved in postgraduate study, working to advance their careers or keep abreast of the latest developments in their field.

Unique programme
Distance study at the University of Otago is focused on those areas in which the University has specific expertise. You will see many Health Sciences papers, but you will also see many papers from across the other Divisions, all reflective of Otago’s reputation for excellence in a variety of fields. The full range of papers and programmes draws on established strengths in responding to identified needs within the widespread communities we serve.

Flexible and personal
Students value distance education for the flexibility it offers. Most learning occurs in your space, in your time. The emphasis of the way we teach is on understanding you as a learner and supporting your engagement within the course.

Lifelong learning
Learning never stops! The University’s excellence in research signals its commitment to understanding more about the world around us. In the same way, the distance programmes and papers on offer provide opportunities for students to continue learning, to build on current qualifications, and to stay up to date in their own areas of expertise.

Professional or personal interest
University of Otago distance students are a diverse group. Many are professionals who are studying to enhance their qualifications. For them, the interplay of work and study forms an important part of enriching their understanding of what they are learning. Others are studying for personal interest, drawing on the rich, research-informed teaching expertise that Otago staff bring to their interactions with students. For both groups, Otago study means excellence.

Getting started
Choosing the right paper to study is sometimes difficult. This Prospectus describes the papers available. You will find out information about who to contact for advice about your academic programme, and you will also read about the way in which your paper may be organised. We strongly recommend that you consult a course adviser before selecting your papers. With the right advice, you can enrol with confidence.

Learning with Otago
Once you’ve completed the enrolment process, you’ll have access to course materials and resources, and to a range of ways of communicating with your lecturers and interacting with your fellow students. In effect, you’ll be able to create a learning space for yourself.

The Distance Learning Office collates an Information and Support for Distance Students guide, which contains useful information about the services the University provides for you while you study. It also gives advice about how you can make your study an enjoyable and successful experience.

Course material
You’ll receive information about how your paper will be run, along with details of study modules and assessments and required readings. In most papers, course material is accessed online.

Interaction with others
Distance learning provides you with considerable control over the time you spend studying.

At Otago we also recognise that learning on your own all the time isn’t always the best way to develop your understanding of the topics you’re studying. Interactions with your lecturers and your fellow students give opportunities for you to broaden your perspectives and develop analytical, and problem-solving skills. Connection with other people who share your enthusiasm for the subject you’re studying enlivens your self-directed study and links you to a broader community of enquiry. You’ll be creating a learning space for yourself wherever you might be.
Your study may involve some or all of the following:
- talking with your lecturers and other students in real time to get immediate feedback on ideas
- discussing ideas online, over time, allowing you to consider evolving perspectives in a time-flexible manner
- studying independently, accessing digital and hard copy resources designed to help focus your study
- engaging independently with lecturers as they present core teaching material for your course of study.

Going online
The opportunity to access course materials and library resources online and to interact with lecturers and fellow students via the internet will considerably enhance your study. All courses require access to both the internet and email.

Web-conference sessions
Web-conference teaching promotes and strongly emphasises participatory study. Sessions are a combination of lecture and tutorial but will, more than likely, look very different to the face-to-face experiences of these that you may have had in the past. Whatever form they take, they can easily involve a range of experts from throughout New Zealand or other parts of the world.

Residential schools/workshops
Some programmes require you to attend residential schools on campus in New Zealand, although not necessarily for all papers. These schools vary in length from a day to a week and may be held in Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington, or at various other locations throughout New Zealand.

Papers that do not require attendance at any course component in New Zealand are indicated with a globe icon in this prospectus: 🌍

Supporting learners
The University supports distance students in many ways:

Learning by distance
The Distance Learning Office provides information to advise and guide you to fit your distance study in with your other work, family and community life responsibilities.

Keeping in regular contact with the University and with staff responsible for providing your course is vital. Course outlines for each paper along with the Distance Learning Information and Support for Students provide names and contact details of staff should you have concerns about any aspect of your study.

Email distance.learning@otago.ac.nz
Web otago.ac.nz/distance
Tel +64 3 479 4138

Student Learning Development
There is a wealth of information for students available on the University’s Student Learning Development website. You will find: tips for successful study; managing university communications; accessing online resources; and web links for help with assignments such as finding and referencing information; academic writing; changing your course; and examinations.

otago.ac.nz/hedc/students

University of Otago Library
The University of Otago has a world-class library to support staff and students engaged in teaching, learning and research. Library resources are increasingly available online as e-journals and e-books and these are particularly useful for distance students.

The library website has subject guides that are a valuable resource when starting out or returning to study. Each guide contains recommended databases and other library tools to support your study, as well as the contact details for the librarian who can offer specialist help in your area.

otago.ac.nz/library

The library has been supporting distance students for as long as the University has been offering distance courses. They understand the challenges that go with studying off campus and have developed a guide to library services for distance students, which is available at:

otago.libguides.com/distance

In the guide you can find information about how to request books using Library Search | Ketu, to be sent to your home address (a free service within New Zealand), and have scans of articles and book chapters emailed to you.

LibChat (live chat online) Monday–Friday, 8:30am–5pm
Email ask.library@otago.ac.nz
Tel 0800 347 826 (0800 DISTANT) within New Zealand
Tel +64 3 479 8910

Disability Information and Support
Disability Information and Support provides learning support, advice, advocacy and information to students with disabilities, impairments, medical conditions or injuries, either on our campuses or via a distance.

The support provided is varied and may include advocacy, lecture recordings, specialist software or equipment, note-taking, individual tutoring (via Zoom or in person), reformatting of course materials, alternative arrangements for tests and examinations or transcription.

Student Advisers are available to discuss each student’s requirements and work collaboratively to put together a learning support plan.

Email disabilities@otago.ac.nz
Web otago.ac.nz/disabilities
Tel 0800 80 80 98 (freephone within New Zealand)
or +64 3 479 8235 (international)
Fax +64 3 479 5873
Enrolment

As a first step, if you are intending to enrol in any distance learning papers, you are encouraged to contact Student Development to check your eligibility to take your planned course, and to get course advice.

otago.ac.nz/course-advice

Every distance learning student must complete enrolment for study online for every year in which papers are being taken. This is in addition to any correspondence with teaching departments.

To enrol at the University of Otago you must hold a University Entrance qualification and be admitted to a programme of study. Enrolment in some papers may be subject to additional approval.

University Entrance

Every student must be aged 16 or over by the first day of formal classes in the chosen course and:

- have obtained a university entrance qualification from the New Zealand school system (via NCEA Level 3, or an earlier New Zealand qualification), or
- be granted admission ad eundem statum (i.e., “at an equivalent level”) at entrance level (normally on the basis of overseas school qualifications) or on the basis of tertiary-level passes (for students with university-level passes, but not a completed degree, from an overseas institution or from a non-university institution in New Zealand), or
- be granted discretionary entrance (for domestic students under 20 years of age applying on the basis of NCEA Level 2 results or equivalent), or
- be granted special admission (for domestic students aged 20 years or over, who do not otherwise qualify for admission).

A student who has previously been admitted to another New Zealand university can normally transfer their method of admission from that university to the University of Otago.

A university entrance qualification is essential for admission to the University. However, most programmes have higher requirements, and not all students with a university entrance qualification will necessarily be admitted.

Students applying for admission to the University must also be competent in the use and understanding of written and spoken English and may be required to provide evidence of proficiency in English as part of the application process.

All students are classified as either domestic or international students. Domestic students are those who are New Zealand citizens (including citizens of the Cook Islands, Tokelau and Niue), permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia who are resident and studying in New Zealand, or Australian citizens resident and studying in New Zealand. All other students are international students.

International students (including New Zealand permanent residents studying outside New Zealand and Australian citizens and permanent residents studying outside New Zealand) will normally be charged international fees.

The enrolment process

For information on the enrolment process at Otago see:

otago.ac.nz/enrolment

Or consult the Guide to Enrolment, which is available in hardcopy or online:

otago.ac.nz/publications

You can apply online at the University’s website:

otago.ac.nz

Applications should be submitted by the due dates. Late applications may be accepted, but you may be liable for an additional fee.

The due date for the submission of your application depends on the type of programme you are applying for. For applicable dates, see:

otago.ac.nz/important-dates

If you are currently enrolled at Otago, and wishing to continue in the same programme, you do not need to submit a new application, but you will need to complete course enrolment. For applicable dates, see:

otago.ac.nz/news/events/keydates

Course enrolment must be completed by all students via eVision and consists of the following steps:

- annual details
- paper selection
- course approval
- course enrolment declaration.

Payment of fees must be arranged by:

- 12 January (for Summer School papers), or
- 9 February (for courses beginning in semester 1), or
- 8 July (for courses beginning in semester 2).

Fee invoices will be available via your eVision portal once you have completed the enrolment process:

otago.ac.nz/evision

Penalty fees will be imposed where full payment is not received by the due date on your tuition fee invoice.

Further information

Tel 0800 80 80 98 within New Zealand
1800 468 246 from Australia
+64 3 479 7000 from outside New Zealand

Email university@otago.ac.nz

Web ask.otago.ac.nz
Qualifications and programmes of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCertHighE)
Explore the theory and practice of tertiary teaching and learning. Participants inquire into an area of their own practice. A 60-point course consisting of HEDU 501 and HEDU 502, which may be completed in one year of part-time study.

Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDipHighE)
Normally building on the Postgraduate Certificate, participants gain an understanding of practitioner research by undertaking research in an area of their own practice. The process of research is supported by a comprehensive research methods programme, and the final assessment is through a dissertation. A 120-point course consisting of HEDU 501, HEDU 502, HEDU 503 and HEDU 510.

Master of Higher Education (MHEd)
Offers knowledge and experience in the theories and practices that underpin curriculum, teaching, learning, assessment and leadership within higher education. Students will also have the opportunity to explore the role of various forms of educational technology and analytics in supporting learning, teaching and research. The programme was the first of its kind in New Zealand and enables a deeper commitment to, and professional recognition for, teaching at a tertiary level. A 180-point course consisting of HEDU 501, HEDU 502, HEDU 503, HEDU 504 and HEDU 590 which may be completed in two years of part-time study.

Note: The Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma may be endorsed in Clinical Education or Educational Technology, and the Master of Higher Education may be endorsed in Educational Technology.

Papers available in 2024

HEDU 501 Critical Reflection on Higher Education
30 points (full year)
Develops a critical understanding of teaching and learning in higher education, which will be informed by key theories and ideas in higher education and enriched by participants’ reflection on their practice within their teaching contexts.
Restriction: HEDX 501
Limited to: PGCertHighE, PGDipHighE, MHEd
Note: Restricted to academics in higher education including health professionals in clinical teaching roles.

HEDU 502 Learning Theory and Practice in Higher Education
30 points (full year or 15 July 2024–16 June 2025)
Examination of contemporary research on student learning. Exploration of the effects of participants’ teaching practices on how students learn in order to enhance student learning outcomes.
Restriction: HEDX 502
Limited to: PGCertHighE, PGDipHighE, MHEd

HEDU 503 Research in Higher Education
30 points (semester 1)
An introduction to qualitative and mixed methods approaches to conducting research in Higher Education. Participants explore methodological issues and plan a research project that is the focus of HEDU 510 or HEDU 590.
Restriction: HEDX 503
Limited to: PGDipHighE, MHEd

HEDU 504 Academic Leadership in Higher Education
30 points (semester 2)
A critical examination of academic leadership using contemporary leadership theories. Understanding how academic leadership is situated in a contemporary higher education sector.
Limited to: MHEd

HEDU 510 Advanced Topics in Higher Education
30 points (semester 2)
Educational research of a topic that is situated within the context of teaching and learning in higher education. All students are required to have access to the Internet. Supervised educational research dissertation of 10,000 words on a topic that is situated within the context of teaching and learning in higher education.
Prerequisite: HEDU 501, HEDU 502, HEDU 503
Restriction: HEDX 510
Limited to: PGDipHighE
Note: Students may be admitted with approval from the Head of Department of the Higher Education Development Centre.

HEDU 590 Research Dissertation
60 points (19 February–12 July 2024 or 15 July 2024–14 February 2025)
Supervised educational research dissertation of 20,000 words on a topic that is situated within the context of teaching and learning in higher education.
Prerequisite: HEDU 501, HEDU 502, HEDU 503, HEDU 504
Limited to: MHEd

Further information
Higher Education Development Centre
Tel +64 3 479 8492
Email hod.hedc@otago.ac.nz
Web otago.ac.nz/hedc
Anthropology

The Social Anthropology programme offers two papers by distance learning as part of its postgraduate programme for the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Anthropology and Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Anthropology. We also welcome students from outside our programme who have a cross disciplinary interest in these particular topics, but who may not have the prerequisite papers for entry, to request special permission to take these papers. Students from the Sciences, Health Sciences, Bioethics, Gender Studies and other Social Science programmes are all welcome to apply.

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
ANTH 423 Bodies, Technologies and Medicines
ANTH 424 The Anthropology of Evil

Further information
Dr Susan Wardell
Social Anthropology Programme
Email susan.wardell@otago.ac.nz

Archaeology

Qualification and programme of study
Master of Archaeological Practice (MArchP)
The Archaeology programme offers papers by distance learning at undergraduate and postgraduate level, and as part of the Master of Archaeological Practice (MArchP). This postgraduate degree provides an integrated programme of study for graduates who wish to develop their knowledge and expertise in archaeology and heritage management. Papers focus on the application of archaeological approaches and methods within a heritage context and on understanding the diverse relationships between people, places and the past. Papers link theory with practice and provide students with opportunities to explore these relationships in real world settings. Students wishing to enrol in this degree should contact the programme as soon as possible to discuss requirements.

ANTH 330 New Zealand Archaeology
18 points (semester 1)
Examination of past and recent research in archaeology of the New Zealand region (North, South, Stewart, Chathams and Subantarctic Islands), from initial human settlement until the recent past.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level ANTH or 108 points
Restriction: ARCH 304, ANTH 430
Note: May not be credited together with ANTH 309 passed in 2011 or 2012.

ANTH 430 Advanced New Zealand Archaeology
20 points (semester 1)
Critical evaluation of current issues in the archaeology of New Zealand’s past.
Prerequisite: 72 300-level ARCH or ANTH points
Restriction: ARCH 304, ANTH 330
Limited to: BA(Hons), PGDipArts, MA(Coursework), MArchP
Note: May not be credited together with ANTH 309 passed in 2011 or 2012.
ANTH 505 Advanced Archaeological Excavation
30 points (30 January–21 June 2024)
Advanced study of archaeological excavation methods and excavation management.
Limited to: MArchP
Note: Students intending to enrol must contact the programme by 16 December. Attendance at a field school in February is required, except under exceptional circumstances.

ANTH 550 Archaeology and Heritage Practice
30 points (full year)
Understanding the application of archaeological approaches and methods in a heritage management context, with a focus on New Zealand and the Pacific.
Limited to: MA(Coursework), MArchP

Further information
Archaeology Programme
otago.ac.nz/archaeology

Education

The University of Otago College of Education offers internet-based postgraduate papers ideal for practising teachers looking to upgrade or extend their existing qualifications, and for other graduate professionals with an interest in education.

Our programmes are designed to meet the professional development needs of teachers in the early childhood, primary and secondary sectors, and to help teachers further develop their critical knowledge and understanding of issues related to teaching and learning in Aotearoa New Zealand, including their own teaching practices.

Admission requirements for the professional programmes include experience of working in a relevant field of education and evidence of ability for advanced academic study. The Doctor of Education degree (EdD) is designed with an explicitly professional orientation as an alternative to the PhD.

The internet is the main delivery system – students will require access to an internet-connected computer. Previous computing experience is not required. All papers are internally assessed – there are no final examinations.

Please note that not all papers may be offered in any one year.

For the most up-to-date information on paper availability visit the University of Otago College of Education website:
otago.ac.nz/education

Qualifications and programmes of study

Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA(Hons)) in Education; and Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (PGDipArts) in Education

BA(Hons) students will become highly skilled, versatile, independent thinkers with the research experience, information literacy, communication and interpersonal skills necessary for an advanced professional career or further academic study.

The BA(Hons) in Education programme consists of EDUC 480, either EDUC 411 or 412, and three further 400-level EDUC papers and is normally completed within one academic year (full-time) or two academic years (part-time) of commencing the programme.

The PGDipArts in Education programme aims to expose a candidate to advanced knowledge and skills in the major subject of the Bachelor’s degree. The 120-point programme is the same as the programme of the BA(Hons) and is normally completed in one year of study (full-time) or over more than one year (part-time).

Master of Arts (MA) in Education thesis option

The MA in Education (thesis) can be completed in either one (if students already have a relevant postgraduate qualification) or two years of full-time study. The first year comprises completion of papers, including a research methods paper, and the second year comprises completion of a 120-point thesis.

Master of Arts (MA) (Coursework) endorsed in Education

The coursework MA programme is designed to provide a multidisciplinary grounding for Humanities students in a range of subjects as preparation for further study or future employment.

The programme will take either 12 months or three semesters of full-time study to complete. The programme can also be studied part-time.

The MA(Coursework) endorsed in Education consists of EDUC 580; HUMS 502 and either HUMS 501 or HUMS 503; and three of EDUC 401, 421, 423, 428-435, 438-441, 444, 451, 453, 459, 461-465.

Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Learning (PGCertEdLn)
The PGCertEdLn (60 points) may be completed in the equivalent of one year of part-time study (to be completed within three years of admission) enabling teachers to continue teaching while they study.

Please note the availability of some papers may have changed since this prospectus was printed. For up-to-date information, contact the department concerned or check otago.ac.nz/courses

Natalie Lanfear
DOCTOR OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE
MASTER OF EDUCATION AND LEARNING

“Otago has one of the only Doctor of Education programmes available via distance study in New Zealand. Completing a doctorate level qualification via distance learning is ideal for people on the go. It’s appealing for educators, like me, who are aiming to maintain a balance between work, study and personal commitments.

“Any distance student would likely tell of feeling isolated at times, but regularly using technology like video conferencing can help you feel connected – especially when discussing assessment requirements or needing clarification on academic concepts. Connecting with Otago’s academics, administrative staff and other students within the doctorate programme is effortless and the advice given is constantly professional and valuable. With this level of knowledge at your fingertips, it’s hard not to be inspired to be a better-informed educator.”
The PGCertEdLn consists of EDUC 402 (20 points) and two 400-level papers offered by the College of Education (worth a total of 40 points) – if the certificate is to be endorsed, the programme of study must be as specified in the schedule of endorsed options.

Postgraduate Diploma in Education and Learning (PG Dip Ed Ln)
The PG Dip Ed Ln (120 points) is normally completed in one year of full-time study (and must be completed within two years of admission) or the equivalent in part-time study (to be completed within six years of admission) enabling teachers to continue teaching while they study. The PG Dip Ed Ln consists of 120 points including EDUC 402, EDUC 403 (20 points each); and either EDUC 411 or 412 (20 points). If the diploma is to be endorsed, the programme of study must be as specified in the schedule of endorsed options, including 40 points in the endorsed area.

Master of Education and Learning (M Ed Ln)
The M Ed Ln (180 points) may be completed in 18 months (two semesters of full-time study followed by completion of the Research Project, Professional Inquiry or Professional Practice Portfolio, but will normally be completed in three years of part-time study (to be completed within eight years of admission) enabling teachers to continue teaching while they study. Students can choose the amount of research they include, focusing either on classroom-based research or research in education more broadly. The M Ed Ln consists of EDUC 402, 403 (20 points each), EDUC 411 or 412 (20 points), either EDUC 591 OR 592 (40 points) and 495 (20 points) or EDUC 590 (60 points), and further 400-level EDUC papers (worth a total of 60 points). If the master’s degree is to be endorsed, the programme of study must be as specified in the schedule of endorsed options, including EDUC 590, 591 or 592 and 40 points in the endorsed area (these may be part of the PG Dip Ed Ln).

Doctor of Education (EdD)
The EdD is a doctoral programme developed for educational professionals which takes six to eight years of part-time study. The programme of study includes a year of half-time coursework EDDC 911 (running July–June) followed by the completion and presentation of a research proposal over the next six to nine months. Once this is approved, students move to the thesis stage of their research. During this stage they will conduct a research study, and write up the results. As they do this, they will also complete a research to practice portfolio, highlighting the impact of their EdD experiences on their practice.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Enter to PhD study normally requires at least a BA(Hons) or PG Dip Arts, and students must be able to show they have advanced knowledge of the educational area in which they wish to study, experience in conducting research and knowledge of research methods.

Papers available in 2024

EDUC 401 Education in Historical Perspective
20 points (semester 2)
An introduction to the principles and practice of education history, with a comparative focus on New Zealand and other Western contexts informed by social, cultural, gender and transnational histories.

EDUC 402 Current Issues in Education
20 points (semester 1)
An introduction to postgraduate study and its required academic skills through discussion and critical evaluation of national and international trends in education.

EDUC 403 Perspectives on Teaching and Learning
20 points (semester 2)
An exploration of current theory and research on learning and teaching relevant to a broad range of educational settings.

EDUC 411 Research Design and Methodology: Evidence-based Practice in Education
20 points (semester 1)
Issues of research design, methodology and practice for researchers inquiring into professional practices of teaching and learning as they arise in education settings.

EDUC 435 Introduction to Internet-based Learning
20 points (semester 1)
Focuses on the use of the Internet and the World Wide Web as tools for teaching, learning and research. Examines how teaching resources can be searched, gathered, and evaluated on the Internet. Ethical issues relating to use of the Internet are also discussed. The Internet is used as the delivery system.

EDUC 441 The Construction of Curriculum in Early Childhood Education
20 points (full year)
Exploration of the construction of curriculum in early childhood education.

EDUC 461 Introduction to Internet-based Learning
20 points (semester 1)
An introduction to postgraduate study and its required academic skills through discussion and critical evaluation of national and international trends in education.

EDUC 462 Research Design and Methodology: Evidence-based Practice in Education
20 points (semester 1)
Issues of research design, methodology and practice for researchers inquiring into professional practices of teaching and learning as they arise in education settings.

EDUC 463 Introduction to Internet-based Learning
20 points (semester 1)
Focuses on the use of the Internet and the World Wide Web as tools for teaching, learning and research. Examines how teaching resources can be searched, gathered, and evaluated on the Internet. Ethical issues relating to use of the Internet are also discussed. The Internet is used as the delivery system.

EDUC 464 The Construction of Curriculum in Early Childhood Education
20 points (full year)
Exploration of the construction of curriculum in early childhood education.

EDUC 465 Introduction to Internet-based Learning
20 points (semester 1)
An introduction to postgraduate study and its required academic skills through discussion and critical evaluation of national and international trends in education.

EDUC 466 Research Design and Methodology: Evidence-based Practice in Education
20 points (semester 1)
Issues of research design, methodology and practice for researchers inquiring into professional practices of teaching and learning as they arise in education settings.

Note: Students outside of the approved programmes, with 54 300-level EDUC points, may be admitted with approval from the Dean of the College of Education.

Notes: (i) Students who have not passed the normal prerequisite may be admitted with approval from the Dean of the College of Education. (ii) This paper is normally available in alternate years.
EDUC 480 Research Study
40 points (15 January–13 December 2024)
Independent in-depth exploration of an educational issue, comprising either a review of relevant literature, or completion of a study approved by the Dean of the College of Education.
Limited to: BA(Hons), MED, PGCertEd, MA (thesis)
Note: Students outside of the approved programmes, with 54 300-level EDUC points, may be admitted with approval from the Dean of the College of Education.

EDUC 495 Thought in Action
20 points (semester 1)
Students make explicit links between research, theory, and practice, reflecting on how their learning experiences continue to influence their practice.
Pre- or co-requisite: EDUC 590, EDUC 591, or EDUC 592
Limited to: MED
Note: Students outside of the approved programmes, with 54 300-level EDUC points, may be admitted with approval from the Dean of the College of Education.

EDUC 580 Research Dissertation
60 points (15 January–13 December 2024)
A supervised research dissertation of up to 25,000 words on an approved topic.
Limited To: MA(Coursework)
Notes: (i) Students outside of the approved programmes, with 54 300-level EDUC points, may be admitted with approval from the Dean of the College of Education. (ii) The duration of this paper is 12 months (50 weeks)

EDUC 590 Professional Practice Portfolio
60 points (15 January–13 December 2024)
Aims at developing students’ professional skills as teachers. Students will engage in critical reflection on their professional practice by documenting their goals, growth, achievement, and professional attributes developed throughout the course of study.
Pre- or co-requisite: EDUC 411 or EDUC 412
Limited to: MED
Notes: (i) Students outside of the approved programmes, with 54 300-level EDUC points, may be admitted with approval from the Dean of the College of Education. (ii) The duration of this paper is 50 weeks

EDUC 591 Research Project
40 points (15 January–13 December 2024)
A supervised research dissertation of up to 15,000 words on an approved topic.
Pre- or co-requisite: EDUC 411 or EDUC 412
Limited to: MED
Notes: (i) Students outside of the approved programmes, with 54 300-level EDUC points, may be admitted with approval from the Dean of the College of Education. (ii) The duration of this paper is 50 weeks.

EDUC 592 Professional Inquiry
40 points (15 January–13 December 2024)
Development of professional skills as a teacher and engagement in critical reflection on professional practice by documenting goals, growth, achievement, and professional attributes developed throughout the course of study. Requires students to identify a need in their profession.
Pre- or co-requisite: EDUC 411 or EDUC 412
Limited to: MED
Notes: (i) Students outside of the approved programmes, with 54 300-level EDUC points, may be admitted with approval from the Dean of the College of Education. (ii) The duration of this paper is 12 months (50 weeks)

EDDC 911 Doctor of Education Coursework
60 points (Dates TBC)
Engages students in critical reflection on their professional practice and prepares them for their thesis and research to practice portfolio research.
Limited to: EdD
Note: Students must enrol for EDDC 911 twice: in the second half of the first year of study and the first half of the second year of study.

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
EDUC 411 Conceptualising and Designing Quality Educational Research
EDUC 423 Technology-enhanced Learning
EDUC 438 Leadership for Learning
EDUC 439 Strategic Educational Management
EDUC 444 Pacific Education Issues: Culture, Identity and Schooling
EDUC 451 Inclusive Education
EDUC 457 Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education
EDUC 459 Equality, Diversity and Education
EDUC 465 Science Education for Teachers
EDUC 480 Research Study
EDUC 495 Thought in Action
EDUC 580 Research Dissertation
EDUC 590 Professional Practice Portfolio
EDUC 591 Research Project
EDUC 592 Professional Inquiry
EDDC 911 Doctor of Education Coursework

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ENGL 127 Essentials of Writing
18 points (semester 1)
Master the basics of writing clearly, persuasively, and powerfully across academic and professional contexts.

ENGL 128 Essentials of Communication
18 points (semester 2)
Influence people and captivate colleagues: master the basics of speaking persuasively, listening actively, reading critically, and writing powerfully.
Restriction: ENGL 126, LING 121

ENGL 251 Special Topic: Creative Writing for Games and Interactive Media
18 points (semester 2)
Develops the ability to design and write creative narratives for games and interactive media.
Prerequisite: 36 points

ENGL 354 Monsters and Monstrosity in Medieval Literature
18 points (semester 1)
Medieval societies frequently created their sense of cultural identity by designating parts of it as monstrous. The paper examines literature about beasts, demons, fairies, women, and werewolves.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level ENGL points

ENGL 469 Writing Revolutions: How Modernism Changed the World
20 points (semester 2)
Studies how modernism’s new ways of writing address global social, cultural, and political change. Explores Aotearoa/New Zealand connections to this creative revolution and its implications for understanding the world today.
Prerequisite: 72 points from ENGL 311–368, EURO 302

ENGL 590 Research Dissertation
60 points (dates TBC)
A supervised research dissertation of up to 20,000 words on an approved topic.
Limited to: MA

English and Linguistics
Literature and creative writing can take a world of different forms, from medieval romances to poetry to 500,000-word novels to interactive gaming. This diversity shows itself in English papers on offer by distance – one looking at how monsters were created and catalogued in medieval literature to frame their worldviews, and another looking at how modern games build narratives through player choice.

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ENGL 590 Research Dissertation
60 points (dates TBC)
A supervised research dissertation of up to 20,000 words on an approved topic.
Limited to: MA

LING 140 Language, Brain, and Being Human
18 points (semester 2)
Humans uniquely are the big-brained animals with language. Explore what language is, how your mind makes it happen, and thereby what it means to be human.
Restriction: LING 240

LING 590 Research Dissertation
60 points (dates TBC)
A supervised research dissertation of up to 20,000 words on an approved topic.
Limited to: MA

Papers available in 2024

INGS 501 Indigenous Theory and Method
20 points (semester 1)
Introduces key theory and method questions for Indigenous Studies, focusing on the central challenge of defining “indigenous”.
Restriction: INGX 501
Limited to: MindS

INGS 590 Research Report
60 points (full year or 1 March 2024–1 March 2025 or 1 July 2024–1 July 2025)
A supervised research project of no more than 18,000 words (excluding notes, appendices, bibliography) on an approved topic.
Restriction: INGX 590
Limited to: MindS
Note: May not be credited together with the Master of Indigenous Studies thesis (INGS 5).

MAOR 404 Toitū te Whenua – Land, Lore, and Colonialism
20 points (semester 2)
An examination of Māori attitudes to whenua (land) through tikanga (customary lore), and the influence of colonialism in the Māori world using Land Court Minute Books.
Prerequisite: 36 300-level ANTH, GEOG, HIST, MAOR, MFCO or POLS points or 30 LAWS points at 300-level or above
Restriction: MAOX 404

MAOR 407 Presenting Pacific Histories
20 points (semester 1)
Themes and theories in the representation of Indigenous histories of Aotearoa and other Islands of the Pacific.
Prerequisite: 36 300-level HIST, MAOR or PACI points
Restriction: MAOX 407

MAOR 590 Research Dissertation
60 points (dates TBC)
A supervised research dissertation of up to 20,000 words on an approved topic, written in Māori or English.
Limited to: MA

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Politics

Why do governments pursue certain courses of action and implement particular sets of policies during specific periods of history? Who makes policy and how? Why does policy matter? What is the relationship between economic and political power? Who runs New Zealand? More generally, how do we understand politics? The overall aim of POLS 321 is for students to understand how and why public policy is made in New Zealand and elsewhere.

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POLS 321 Public Policy in New Zealand
18 points (Summer School)
Examination of theories and descriptions of how and why governments make and implement policy decisions in New Zealand.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level POLS points
Note: May not be credited together with POLS 231 passed in 2005–2012.

POLS 490 Dissertation
60 points (1 March 2024–1 March 2025 or 1 July 2024–1 July 2025)
A supervised research dissertation of up to 20,000 words on an approved topic.
Prerequisite: 72 points of POLS at 300-level
Limited to: BA(Hons), PGDipArts, BCom(Hons), PGDipCom
Note: Interested students who do not meet the prerequisite should contact the department to discuss their eligibility.

The following papers are not offered in 2024:

POLS 310 Turkey and Its Neighbours.

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Religious Studies

Religious Studies seeks both to understand religion as a universal human phenomenon and to explore the variety of ways in which people express their religious commitments in thought and action. Since Religious Studies students study a wide variety of societies and cultures, this is a subject which can be profitably included within most courses of study.

Papers in Religious Studies are designed to be accessible to everyone, irrespective of religious background. The subject would be particularly useful to students of History, Philosophy, Political Studies, Classical Studies, Education, Psychology, Anthropology, and Art History. Students who have majored in Religious Studies at Otago have gone on to careers in teaching, religious and social work, counselling, librarianship, business (especially marketing) and government.

Qualifications and programmes of study

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Religious Studies

The papers that have to be included in a BA in order to major in Religious Studies are as follows: RELS 101 and RELS 102; three 200-level RELS papers (54 points); four 300-level RELS papers (72 points); plus 198 further points; must include 18 points in BIBS or CHTH and 54 points at 200-level or above. Up to 90 points may be taken from outside Arts.

Note: Every programme must also include at least one BIBS or CHTH paper.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA(Hons)) in Religious Studies and Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (PGDipArts)

RELS 490; RELS 415; plus two further 400-level RELS papers. An approved paper may be substituted for one 400-level RELS paper.

Diploma for Graduates (DipGrad)

The DipGrad can be used for many purposes, and in some cases, effectively provides an additional major. It requires you to do at least seven papers, of which at least four are at 300-level or above. The programme is designed for graduates and may be completed by full-time candidates in one year or by part-time candidates over a longer period.

A DipGrad is a great way to retrain or to update existing qualifications. Many students also find it a convenient way to continue learning and that it is a useful bridge to postgraduate study. Must include papers worth at least 54 points from those prescribed at 300-level for the major subject requirements for the subject concerned and/or from those available at a higher level in the subject concerned.

Papers available in 2024

RELS 102 Introduction to Hinduism and Buddhism

18 points (semester 1)

The ancient origins, classical traditions and contemporary forms of Hinduism and Buddhism including Hindu mythology, teachings of the Buddha, religious disciplines such as yoga and meditation, expression of devotion in art and architecture, spread of Indian religions to the West.

Restriction: RELS 102

RELS 110 Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion

18 points (semester 2)

An introduction to scientific methods and their application to the study of religion, focusing on scientific explanations for religious belief and behaviour.

Distance students please note: one of the advantages of online study is that the learning process is asynchronous (i.e. you don't have to attend scheduled lectures and can study when and where it is convenient). However, you will find it helpful to follow the on-campus lecture schedule when studying, as each unit has been designed to build on information provided in the previous unit.

RELS 203 Ancient Religion: Egypt to Mesopotamia

18 points (Pre-Christmas Summer School 11 November–14 December 2024)

The religious practices, beliefs and texts of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Levant, ca. 3000–300 BCE.

Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 303

RELS 217 Religion, Science, and Magic

18 points (Summer School)

Beginning with the contemporary debates regarding creationism, alternative medicine, and witchcraft (Wicca), the paper examines the relation between the modern sciences and the worlds of Kabbalah, alchemy, and apocalyptic religion from which they emerged.

Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 317

RELS 227 Buddhist Thought

18 points (semester 2)

A comprehensive and critical study of the common heritage shared by all Buddhist traditions through examination of the development of Buddhist thought in the Theravāda Buddhist textual tradition.

Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 337

Note: May not be credited together with RELS230 or 330 or RELX230 or RELX330 passed in 2010.

RELS 235 Religion, Law and Politics

18 points (semester 2)

The interplay of religion, law and politics in contemporary India, Sri Lanka, America, New Zealand, Canada and elsewhere. Case study and theory. Themes include secularism, religious freedom, pluralism and others.

Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 335, RELX 235, RELX 335

RELS 236 Buddhism, State and Society

18 points (semester 1)

The role of Buddhism in politics, law, social movements, war and peace-making. Students will examine case studies, original Buddhist texts and latest trends in research.

Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 336, RELS 436

RELS 237 Psychology of Religion

18 points (Summer School)

An introduction to the psychology of religion, with emphasis on what research in contemporary cognitive and evolutionary psychology says about human religious belief and behaviour.

Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 337

Note: May not be credited together with RELS 231 or RELS 331 passed in 2016.

RELS 239 Religion and Identity

18 points (semester 1)

How do religions generate identities? How does religious identity affect law, politics, economics and violence? We explore these questions in reference to Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, neo-spirituality and more.

Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 338

Note: May not be credited together with RELS 231 or RELS 331 passed in 2016.

Please note the availability of some papers may have changed since this prospectus was printed. For up-to-date information, contact the department concerned or check otago.ac.nz/courses
“I transferred to Otago after hearing about the great reputation of the faculty members. I was lucky the courses were long-distance, so I was able to study around full-time work and remain living away from Dunedin.

“My expectations of Otago have been exceeded. The papers are rich in content and the lecturers fully engage in their teaching process. In my first few weeks, there were a variety of workshops in which students were shown how to access the library and online platforms, and who to connect with and email for help on topics – the system is very user-friendly!

“The staff in the distance learning programme are experienced and well-equipped to teach a hybrid class model for online and offline students. As well, the classes are recorded for you to watch later if you can’t make the scheduled time. The magic of distance learning is being able to Zoom in, and at times, turn my camera off to fold some washing or cook dinner while still learning!”

RELIS 240 The Cultural Evolution of Religious Systems
18 points (semester 1)
Cross-cultural variation and patterns in religious systems, contemporary theories about the transmission and evolution of human culture, and analysis of prominent theories about the cultural evolution of religion.
Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 340

RELIS 241 Religion, Conflict and Conspiracy Theory
18 points (semester 1)
The role of conspiracy theories in contemporary religious conflicts. Antisemitic conspiracies, Holocaust denial, Muslim conspiracies, Satanic panics, occult societies, alien overlords, the End Times and ISIS Apocalypse, flat-earthers, climate-change deniers.
Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 341

RELIS 303 Ancient Religion: Egypt to Mesopotamia (Advanced)
18 points (Pre-Christmas Summer School 11 November–14 December 2024)
The religious practices, beliefs and texts of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Levant, ca. 3000–300 BCE.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level BIBS or RELS points
Restriction: RELS 203

RELIS 314 Religion and Identity (Advanced)
18 points (summer 1)
How do religions generate identities? How does religious identity affect law, politics, economics and violence? We explore these questions in reference to Buddhists, Hindus, Islamist militant groups, yogis, and others.
Prerequisite: One 200-level RELS or RELX paper
Restriction: RELS 414

RELIS 317 Religion, Science, and Magic
18 points (Summer School)
Beginning with the contemporary debates regarding creationism, alternative medicine, and witchcraft (Wicca), the paper examines the relation between the modern sciences and the worlds of Kabbalah, alchemy, and apocalyptic religion from which they emerged.
Prerequisite: One 200-level RELS or RELX paper
Restriction: RELS 414

RELIS 327 Buddhism Thought
18 points (semester 2)
A comprehensive and critical study of the common heritage shared by all Buddhist traditions through examination of the development of Buddhist thought in the Theravāda Buddhist textual tradition.
Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 327, RELX 227, RELX 327
Note: May not be credited together with RELS 230 or 330 or RELX 230 or RELX 330 passed in 2010.

RELIS 335 Religion, Law and Politics (Advanced)
18 points (semester 2)
The interplay of religion, law and politics in contemporary India, Sri Lanka, America, New Zealand, Canada and elsewhere. Case study and theory. Themes include secularism, religious freedom, pluralism and others.
Prerequisite: One 200-level RELS or RELX paper
Restriction: RELS 235, RELX 235, RELX 335

RELIS 336 Buddhism, State and Society (Advanced)
18 points (semester 1)
Buddhist thinking about ideal political order including relationships between religion and state, monks and kings, morality and power, ethics and war, religious difference and the “nation”. Buddhist political philosophy.
Prerequisite: One 200-level RELS or RELX paper
Restriction: RELS 436, RELX 336, RELX 436

RELIS 337 Psychology of Religion
18 points (advanced)
An introduction to the psychology of religion, with emphasis on what research in contemporary cognitive and evolutionary psychology says about human religious belief and behaviour.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level PSYC or RELS points
Restriction: RELS 237
Note: May not be credited together with RELS 231 or RELS 331 passed in 2016.

RELIS 341 Religion, Conflict and Conspiracy Theory (Advanced)
18 points (semester 1)
The role of conspiracy theories in contemporary religious conflicts. Anti-Semitic conspiracies, Holocaust denial, Muslim conspiracies, Satanic panics, occult societies, alien overlords, the End Times and ISIS Apocalypse, flat-earthers, climate-change deniers.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level RELS points
Restriction: RELS 241
The following papers are not offered in 2024:
RELS 101 Introduction to Judaism, Christianity and Islam
RELS 110 Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion
RELS 202 The Religions of Southeast Asia
RELS 209 The Body in Asian Religions
RELS 214 New Religious Movements
RELS 216 Zen Buddhism
RELS 220 Representing Islam
RELS 225 Science, Religion and Knowledge
RELS 226 Mahayana Buddhism
RELS 230 Special Topic: Zionists, Fundamentalists and Liberals: Jews in the Modern World
RELS 238 Religion and Human Behaviour
RELS 239 Religion and Identity
RELS 244 Ancient Egypt: Magic and Mystery
RELS 302 The Religions of Southeast Asia (Advanced)
RELS 306 New Religious Movements
RELS 309 The Body in Asian Religions
RELS 316 Zen Buddhism
RELS 320 Representing Islam
RELS 325 Science, Religion and Knowledge (Advanced)
RELS 326 Mahayana Buddhism
RELS 330 Special Topic: Zionists, Fundamentalists and Liberals: Jews in the Modern World
RELS 338 Religion and Human Behaviour
RELS 340 The Cultural Evolution of Religious Systems
RELS 344 Ancient Egypt: Magic and Mystery (Advanced)

Qualification and programme of study
Master of Arts (MA) (Coursework)
The coursework MA programme is designed to provide a multidisciplinary grounding for Humanities students in a range of subjects as preparation for further study or future employment.

The coursework MA requires that you take two 30-point papers in Religious Studies, two further 30-point Humanities papers and complete a 60-point dissertation (RELS 590 or RELS 591).

Papers available in 2024
RELS 501 The Evolution of Religion
30 points (semester 2)
A survey of major theories and writings on the evolution of religion. Provides an introduction to the methods appropriate to the study of ancient texts.
Limited to: MA

RELS 521 Readings in Buddhist Texts
30 points (semester 1)
A critical study of a selected Buddhist text or texts. Provides an introduction to the methods appropriate to the study of ancient texts.

Teaching/assessment note: The Distance Learning offering of this paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching. This paper will be taught as an intensive course. Students will be required to complete preparatory reading and then be present on campus in Dunedin for a week of intensive seminars. Assessment will be completed during the course of the first semester.
Limited to: MA

RELS 531 Pali for Postgraduates
30 points (full year)
Intensive Pali, reading both scriptures and commentaries from the Tipitaka. Particular attention is paid to grammatical and stylistic features and to the manner in which ideas are presented.

Limited to: MA

RELS 590 Research Dissertation
60 points (full year or 3 March 2024–23 February 2025 or 7 July 2024–28 June 2025)
A supervised research dissertation of up to 20,000 words on an approved topic.

Limited to: MA

The following papers are not available in 2024:
RELS 470 Research Essay
RELS 490 Dissertation
RELS 511 Readings in Hindu Texts
RELS 522 Buddhist Visual Culture in Southeast Asia
RELS 523 Key Debates in Buddhist Studies
RELS 532 Sanskrit for Postgraduates

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Social Work
The papers in this discipline utilise an ecological approach to understanding and intervening in social problems. Key values of social justice and human rights, together with acknowledging the challenge of biculturalism and the Treaty of Waitangi, are fundamental to understanding contemporary Social Work.

Students are encouraged to engage in these papers through the development of personal reflection, understanding key evidence and theories, critical analysis, and direct skills to prepare them for social work practice. Practice includes work with individuals, families, communities, organisations and in social policy environments.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Bachelor of Social Work with Honours (BSW(Hons))
The Social and Community Work Programme offers a four-year degree recognised by the Social Workers Registration Board. Distance papers are offered from year three (300-level) of this programme. Entry is by selection, and distance students who hold either an existing related bachelor’s degree or other related qualifications and experience are welcome to apply for acceptance to the BSW programme. Distance students may also qualify for the Honours programme after completing the third-year papers. This degree is not currently available to students studying outside New Zealand. All papers have compulsory on-campus workshops. Information about these workshops will be provided in course books. All papers contain a compulsory in-person workshop. An overview of dates and times can be found here:
otago.ac.nz/social-community-work/study/workshops

Papers available in 2024
SOWK 301 Theories and Methods of Social Work
18 points (semester 1)
An introduction to the main theoretical traditions informing the practice of social work in the Aotearoa/New Zealand context, their expression in Social Work methods, and the location of these theories and models within an overview of theoretical perspectives.

Restriction: SOWK 551, SOWX 301
Limited to: BSW
Note: Non-BSW students may be admitted to this paper with approval from the Head of the Social and Community Work Programme.
SOWK 302 Social Work for Children and Families – Analysis and Theory
18 points (semester 1)
Selected social issues commonly affecting children and families in Aotearoa/New Zealand. Social work responses and related conceptual issues in social work assessment.
Restriction: SOWK 316, SOWX 552, SOWX 302, SOWX 316
Limited to: BSW
Note: Non-BSW students may be admitted to this paper with approval from the Head of the Social and Community Work Programme.

SOWK 303 Communities and Organisations – Analysis and Theory
18 points (semester 1)
Organisational and community theories, patterns and change and their application within community and social services in Aotearoa/New Zealand.
Restriction: SOWK 553, SOWX 303
Limited to: BSW
Notes: (i) May not be taken by students who have passed both (SOWK 234 or SOWX 234) and (SOWK 235 or SOWX 235). (ii) Non-BSW students may be admitted to this paper with approval from the Head of the Social and Community Work Programme.

SOWK 304 Kaupapa Māori, and Indigenous Approaches to Social Work
18 points (semester 2)
The application of Kaupapa Māori, Pacifica and indigenous approaches, including cross-cultural contexts, to social work practice.
Restriction: SOWK 319, 554, SOWX 304, 319
Limited to: BSW
Note: Non-BSW students may be admitted to this paper with approval from the Head of the Social and Community Work Programme.

SOWK 320 Introduction to Professional Practice
18 points (semester 1)
Introductory study and application of social work roles and skills in preparation for practice.
Restriction: SOWK 420, SOWX 570, SOWX 320, SOWX 420
Limited to: BSW

SOWK 392 Fieldwork Practice 1
36 points (semester 2)
Introduction and orientation in social service and community settings and supervised practical work in the field.
Prerequisite: SOWK 301, SOWK 302, SOWK 303, SOWK 320
Pre- or Co-requisite: SOWK 304
Restriction: SOWK 592
Limited to: BSW

SOWK 402 Micro Intervention: Theories and Skills
20 points (semester 1)
This paper offers advanced application of interpersonal theories, develops intervention skills, and explores current issues in practice with children and families in social work settings.
Prerequisite: 126 300-level SOWK or SOWX points
Restriction: SOWK 401, SOWX 562, SOWX 401, SOWK 402
Limited to: BSW, BSW(Hons), MA, PGDipArts

SOWK 403 Communities and Organisations – Advanced Practice
20 points (semester 1)
Professional frameworks of organisational and community change and development practice.
Prerequisite: 126 300-level SOWK or SOWX points
Restriction: SOWK 563, SOWX 403, SOWX 404
Limited to: BSW, BSW(Hons), MA, PGDipArts
Notes: (i) Non-BSW students may be admitted to this paper with approval from the Head of the Social and Community Work Programme. (ii) May not be credited together with SOWK 404 completed in 2011 or earlier.

SOWK 406 Social Problems: Policies and Practice Models
20 points (semester 2)
Methods and theories of social, personal and organisational change in response to social problems. These are developed in relation to applied practice outcomes in social work.
Prerequisite: 126 300-level SOWK or SOWX points
Restriction: SOWK 318, SOWX 318, SOWX 406
Limited to: BSW, MA
Notes: (i) Non-BSW students may be admitted to this paper with approval from the Head of the Social and Community Work Programme. (ii) May not be credited together with SOWK 404 completed in 2011 or earlier.

SOWK 480 Research Project
20 points (full year)
A research paper in which key elements of social work practice are integrated within a research framework.
Prerequisite: 126 300-level SOWK or SOWX points
Restriction: SOWK 580, SOWX 480
Limited to: BSW, MA

SOWK 490 Dissertation
40 points (full year)
Supervised individual research on a topic in Social Work.
Prerequisite: 126 300-level SOWK or SOWX points
Restriction: SOWK 590, SOWX 490
Limited to: BSW(Hons), MA

SOWK 492 Fieldwork Practice 2
40 points (semester 1 or 2)
Advanced fieldwork practice (in a different setting from SOWK or SOWX 392).
Prerequisite: SOWK 392, SOWK 402, SOWX 403
Restriction: SOWK 593, SOWX 492
Limited to: BSW, BSW(Hons)
Note: Full-time students should normally enrol for SOWK 492 in the second semester. Part-time students may enrol for SOWK 492 in the first semester if they have already completed the prerequisite.

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
SOWK 404 Care and Protection
SOWK 405 Social Work Issues Across the Lifespan
SOWK 407 Kaupapa Māori and Social Work Practice
SOWK 408 Pasifika and Social Services
SOWK 409 Decision Making in Child Welfare

For further information on the BSW and BSW(Hons) contact:
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Qualification and programme of study
Master of Social and Community Work (Applied) (MSCW(Applied))
This is a taught master’s offered over two years of full-time study (or part-time equivalent). It will enable graduates with a prior relevant bachelor’s degree to gain a qualification that entitles them to apply for Registration with the Social Workers Registration Board. Entry is by selection based on the type of prior degree, grade average and personal suitability. All papers contain a compulsory in-person workshop. An overview of dates and times can be found here:
otago.ac.nz/social-community-work/study/workshops
Applications close on 1 November each year.

Year 1 papers
SOWK 551 Theories and Methods of Social Work
20 points (semester 1)
The application of theory to social work and development of a case-based practice framework. Case studies include youth justice, foster care, health (physical and mental), family violence, (dis)ability, and family support practice domains.
SOWK 552 Child and Family Social Work
20 points (semester 1)
The spectrum of child and family social work, covering the macro environment, the family support/prevention domain, the statutory child protection context, and issues for children and young people in care.

Prerequisite: SOWK 552

Restriction: SOWK 392

SOWK 553 Communities and Organisations – Analysis and Theory
20 points (semester 1)
Organisational and community theories, patterns and change, and their application within community and social services in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Prerequisite: SOWK 551, SOWK 552, SOWK 553,

Restriction: SOWK 301

Limited to: MSCW(Applied), PGDipSW

SOWK 554 Kaupapa Māori and Indigenous Approaches to Social Work
20 points (semester 2)
The application of Kaupapa Māori, Pasifika and indigenous approaches, including cross-cultural contexts, to social work practice.

Prerequisite: SOWK 553

Restriction: SOWK 302

Limited to: MSCW(Applied), PGDipSW

SOWK 562 Micro Intervention – Theories and Skills
20 points (semester 1)
Uses micro-level social work perspectives and theories to critically analyse cases and develop micro-level skills informed by key theoretical traditions. Case studies include child, youth and family scenarios.

Prerequisite: SOWK 552

Restriction: SOWK 402

SOWK 563 Communities and Organisations – Advanced Practice
20 points (semester 1)
Uses practice research to critically examine professional frameworks of organisational and community change and development practice.

Prerequisite: SOWK 553

Restriction: SOWK 403

Limited to: MSCW(Applied), PGDipSW

SOWK 580 Research Project
20 points (full year)
A supervised social work research project based on the student's topic of interest. The project should demonstrate knowledge of integrative and critical social work research and practice.

Prerequisite: 120 500-level SOWK points

Restriction: SOWK 480

Limited to: MSCW(Applied), PGDipSW

SOWK 592 Fieldwork Practice 1
25 points (semester 1)
Introduction to social work in social service and community settings through supervised fieldwork placement.

Prerequisite: SOWK 551, SOWK 552, SOWK 553, SOWK 570

Pre- or co-requisite: SOWK 554

Restriction: SOWK 392

Limited to: MSCW(Applied)

Year 2 papers

SOWK 562 Micro Intervention – Theories and Skills
20 points (semester 1)
Uses micro-level social work perspectives and theories to critically analyse cases and develop micro-level skills informed by key theoretical traditions. Case studies include child, youth and family scenarios.

Prerequisite: SOWK 552

Restriction: SOWK 402

SOWK 563 Communities and Organisations – Advanced Practice
20 points (semester 1)
Uses practice research to critically examine professional frameworks of organisational and community change and development practice.

Prerequisite: SOWK 553

Restriction: SOWK 403

Limited to: MSCW(Applied), PGDipSW

SOWK 580 Research Project
20 points (full year)
A supervised social work research project based on the student's topic of interest. The project should demonstrate knowledge of integrative and critical social work research and practice.

Prerequisite: 120 500-level SOWK points

Restriction: SOWK 480

Limited to: MSCW(Applied), PGDipSW

SOWK 592 Fieldwork Practice 1
25 points (semester 1)
Introduction to social work in social service and community settings through supervised fieldwork placement.

Prerequisite: SOWK 551, SOWK 552, SOWK 553, SOWK 570

Pre- or co-requisite: SOWK 554

Restriction: SOWK 392

Limited to: MSCW(Applied)

SOWK 590, and three papers from SOWK 504–523.

All papers contain a compulsory, in-person workshop. An overview of dates and times can be found here:

otago.ac.nz/social-community-work/study/workshops

Papers available in 2024

HUMS 502 Research Methods in the Humanities
30 points (semester 1)
Examination of key principles of research in the humanities, to develop broad understanding of a range of methods and hone skills in a method of each student's choice.

Limited to: MA

The three papers can be drawn from the following:

SOWK 509 Decision-making in Child Welfare
(not available 2024)

SOWK 511 Advanced Family Practice
(not available 2024)

SOWK 514 Advanced Community Development Practice
30 points (semester 2)
Analysis and application of theories and models of sustainable development based on the international creation of community participatory models.

Limited to: PGDipSW, MSW

The following papers are not offered in 2024:

SOWK 504 Care and Protection

SOWK 505 Lifespan Issues - Advanced Practice with Older Adults

SOWK 508 Pasifika and Social Services

SOWK 509 Decision Making in Child Welfare

SOWK 510 Advanced Social Service Counselling

SOWK 511 Advanced Family Practice

SOWK 515 Iwi Social Services I – Contextual Issues

SOWK 517 Social Policy Development

SOWK 518 Social Services Supervision

SOWK 520 Social Services Research and Evaluation

Further information

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Qualification and programme of study

Master of Social Work (MSW)
The Social and Community Work Programme also offers an advanced professional programme leading to a MSW degree. This degree is designed for professional social workers who wish to specialise in a specific area of research and upskilling to support their professional practice. Entry is available to practitioners with existing social services B-level qualifications and proven competence in social services practice. The programme consists of HUMS 502 and SOWK 590, and three papers from SOWK 504–523.

The final optional paper can be drawn from the following:

SOWK 514 Advanced Community Development Practice
30 points (semester 2)
Analysis and application of theories and models of sustainable development based on the international creation of community participatory models.

Limited to: PGDipSW, MSW

The following papers are not offered in 2024:

SOWK 509 Decision-making in Child Welfare
(not available 2024)

SOWK 511 Advanced Family Practice
(not available 2024)

SOWK 514 Advanced Community Development Practice
30 points (semester 2)
Analysis and application of theories and models of sustainable development based on the international creation of community participatory models.

Limited to: PGDipSW, MSW

SOWK 515 Iwi Social Services I – Contextual Issues (not available 2024)

SOWK 518 Social Services Supervision
(not available 2024)
The following papers are not offered in 2024:
- SOWK 504 504 Care and Protection
- SOWK 505 Lifespan Issues - Advanced Practice with Older Adults
- SOWK 508 Pasifika and Social Services
- SOWK 509 Decision Making in Child Welfare
- SOWK 510 Advanced Social Service Counselling
- SOWK 511 Advanced Family Practice
- SOWK 515 Iwi Social Services I – Contextual Issues
- SOWK 517 Social Policy Development
- SOWK 518 Social Services Supervision
- SOWK 520 Social Services Research and Evaluation

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Theology
The Theology Programme at Otago offers campus and distance courses on the Bible, Christian Theology, Church History, Public Theology, Pastoral and Practical Theology, Ministry and Chaplaincy that will deepen your understanding of the Christian faith. We also have an exciting range of postgraduate programmes and a thriving research culture. Studying with us will help you to explore Christian faith, yourself and the world.

Any student can study Theology, whether they are of the Christian faith, another faith or of no religious faith at all. Theology is an examination of the scriptures, history, content and relevance of the Christian faith, but it presupposes or requires no Christian commitment from students. All it requires is an inquiring mind and an interest in those skills that can be gained through the study of any subject in the Humanities.

Qualifications and programme of study
Bachelor of Theology (BTheol)
A number of papers for the BTheol degree are taught both on campus in Dunedin and by a combination of video conferences, teaching days, online work or block courses. Students should plan their courses to fulfil the major subject requirements for a BTheol degree as outlined in the University Calendar. BTheol papers may also be credited towards the Diploma for Graduates.

Diploma in Theology (DipTheol)
The Diploma in Theology (DipTheol) consists of seven 18-point Theology papers in the areas of Biblical Studies (including Biblical Hebrew and Greek), Christian Thought and History, and Pastoral Studies. The majority of papers will be at 100-level, but up to three papers may be taken at 200-level.

Papers available in 2024
- **BIBS 112 Interpreting the Old Testament 18 points (semester 1)**
The interpretation of the Old Testament in its historical context, including an introduction to the overall biblical story, methods of interpreting the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) and the historical Books (Joshua-2 Kings), and an in-depth exegesis of selected texts.
  - Restriction: BIBX 112
- **BIBS 121 Interpreting the New Testament 18 points (semester 1)**
The interpretation of the New Testament in its historical context, including an introduction to critical methods and to the study of the Gospels and the Epistles, with an in-depth discussion of selected texts.
  - Restriction: BIBX 121
- **BIBS 131 Introductory New Testament Greek Language I 18 points (semester 1)**
A reading-based beginners’ paper covering the basic elements of New Testament Greek grammar and vocabulary, designed to develop reading skills in New Testament Greek.
  - Restriction: BIBX 131
- **BIBS 132 Introductory New Testament Greek Language II 18 points (semester 2)**
A continuation of BIBS 131, including the exegesis of passages from the Greek New Testament.
  - Prerequisite: BIBS 131 or BIBX 131
  - Restriction: BIBX 132
- **BIBS 211 God, Language and Exile in the Hebrew Prophets 18 points (semester 2)**
A detailed study of the prophetical books of the Old Testament, with special reference to the theological crisis of the destruction of the Temple (586 BCE) and the Babylonian exile.
  - Prerequisite: BIBS 211 or BIBX 211
  - Restriction: BIBX 213
- **BIBS 213 Hebrew Old Testament Exegesis 2 18 points (full year)**
A detailed study of Hebrew language and syntax, with weekly language exercises. The translation and exegesis of selected passages.
  - Prerequisite: HEBR 103 or (HEBR 131 and HEBR 132)
  - Restriction: BIBX 213
  - Pre- or co-requisite: BIBS 112
- **BIBS 223 Greek New Testament Exegesis 2 18 points (full year)**
Issues in translation of New Testament Greek, including grammar and syntax, with reference to selected passages; translation and detailed exegesis of other Greek texts.
  - Prerequisite: (GREK 111 and GREK 112) or (BIBS 131 and BIBS 132)
  - Restriction: BIBX 223
  - Pre- or co-requisite: BIBS 121
- **BIBS 226 Jesus in the New Testament 18 points (semester 2)**
A study of the different portraits of Jesus in selected New Testament documents, including discussion of various titles used for Jesus, Christological themes and the development of views about Jesus as this can be seen in the New Testament.
  - Prerequisite: 36 points
  - Restriction: BIBS 326, BIBX 226, BIBX 326
  - Pre- or co-requisite: BIBS 121
- **BIBS 311 God, Land and Exile in the Hebrew Prophets (Advanced) 18 points (semester 2)**
A detailed study of the prophetical books of the Old Testament, with special reference to the theological crisis of the destruction of the Temple (586 BCE) and the Babylonian exile.
  - Prerequisite: BIBS 213 or BIBX 213
  - Restriction: BIBX 311
- **BIBS 313 Hebrew Old Testament Exegesis 3 18 points (full year)**
A detailed study of Hebrew language and syntax, with weekly language exercises. The translation and exegesis of selected passages.
  - Prerequisite: BIBS 213 or BIBX 213
  - Restriction: BIBX 313
- **BIBS 317 God, Suffering and Justice 18 points (semester 1)**
A detailed study of texts from the Hebrew Bible and related literature that wrestles with the problem of how God can be regarded as just in the face of the reality of suffering.
  - Prerequisite: One 200-level BIBS, BIBX, RELS or RELX paper
  - Restriction: BIBS 413, BIBS 317, BIBS 413
CHTX 211, CHTX 311
Restriction: CHTH 211, CHTH 311, CHTH 318, CHTX 111, CHTX 131

Prerequisite: One of CHTH 101, CHTH 102, CHTX 131
Restriction: CHTX 311

Who is Jesus and what is his significance?
Considers Christian thinking about the person and work of Jesus from the early church to the present day.
Prerequisite: One of CHTH 101, CHTH 102, CHTX 131, CHTX 101, CHTX 102, CHTX 111, CHTX 131
Restriction: CHTH 211, CHTX 311, CHTX 318, CHTX 211, CHTX 311

Note: May not be credited together with CHTH 217 or CHTH 317 taught in 2007, 2009 or 2011 or CHTH 217 or CHTX 317 taught in 2007, 2009 or 2011.

CHTH 233 Public Theology: Faith in the Public Square
18 points (semester 1)
A critical study of the nature of Christian theology as public discourse: aims and methods, challenges and possibilities.
Prerequisite: 36 100-level points
Restriction: CHTH 333, CHTH 413, CHTX 333, CHTX 413
Note: May not be credited together with CHTX 313 or CHTX 411 passed in 2009.

CHTH 236 Māori Theology and Religion (Advanced)
18 points (semester 2)
An investigation of the Māori religious worldview and Māori engagement with Christianity.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level points
Restriction: CHTH 236
Note: May not be credited with CHTH 217 or CHTH 317 taught in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

CHTH 237 Special Topic: Moana Pasifika Theology (Advanced)
18 points (Pre-Christmas Summer School 11 November–14 December 2024)
An investigation of Moana Pasifika theological knowledge and understanding.
Prerequisite: 36 100-level points
Restriction: CHTH 337

CHTH 318 The Person and Work of Christ (Advanced)
18 points (semester 1)
Who is Jesus and what is his significance? Considers Christian thinking about the person and work of Jesus from the early church to the present day.
Prerequisite: CHTH 211, CHTH 218, CHTX 211, CHTX 311
Note: May not be credited together with CHTH 217 or CHTH 317 passed in 2007, 2009 or 2011 or CHTX 217 or CHTX 317 passed in 2007, 2009 or 2011.

CHTH 320 Public Theology and Social Justice
18 points (semester 1)
An examination of public theology's contribution to social justice, through case studies of contemporary public issues, such as poverty, family violence, human trafficking, and environmental stewardship.
Prerequisite: One 200-level CHTH or CHTX paper
Restriction: CHTH 420
Note: May not be credited together with CHTH 215 or CHTX 315 passed before 2013.

CHTH 333 Public Theology: Faith in the Public Square (Advanced)
18 points (semester 1)
A critical study of the nature of Christian theology as public discourse: aims and methods, challenges and possibilities.
Prerequisite: One 200-level CHTH or CHTX paper
Restriction: CHTH 233, CHTH 413, CHTX 413, CHTX 333
Note: May not be credited with CHTX 313 or CHTX 411 passed in 2009.

CHTH 336 Māori Theology and Religion (Advanced)
18 points (semester 2)
An investigation of the Māori religious worldview and Māori engagement with Christianity.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level points
Restriction: CHTH 236
Note: May not be credited with CHTH 217 or CHTH 317 taught in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

CHTH 337 Special Topic: Moana Pasifika Theology (Advanced)
18 points (Pre-Christmas Summer School 11 November–14 December 2024)
An investigation of Moana Pasifika theological knowledge and understanding.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level points
Restriction: CHTH 237
Note: May not be credited with CHTH 217 or CHTH 317 taught in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

CHTH 380 Research Essay
18 points (full year)
Prerequisite: Two 200-level BIBS or BIBX papers
Restriction: BIBS 380

Please note the availability of some papers may have changed since this prospectus was printed. For up-to-date information, contact the department concerned or check otago.ac.nz/courses
PAST 216 Current Perspectives on Pastoral Care  
18 points (semester 1)  
Pastoral care as the caring, nurturing and compassionate work of the church as a whole, increasingly viewed as outward-facing, lay-centred, and attentive to communal, societal and cross-cultural dynamics. 
Prerequisite: 36 100-level points in any subject 
Restriction: PAST 316 
Note: May not be credited together with PASX 207 or PASX 307 passed in 2013.

PAST 316 Current Perspectives on Pastoral Care (Advanced)  
18 points (semester 1)  
The role of chaplains, ministers and other caregivers in situation of death, dying and loss, and the ways they can facilitate a healthy grieving process. 
Restriction: PAST 318 
Limited to: BA(Hons), PGDipArts, PGCertChap, PGDipChap, MChap, BTheol(Hons), PGDipTheol, MTheol, PGDipMin, MMin 
Note: May not be credited together with PASX 207 or PASX 307 passed in 2013.

PAST 318 Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss  
18 points (semester 2)  
Pastoral care as the caring, nurturing and compassionate work of the church as a whole, increasingly viewed as outward-facing, lay-centred, and attentive to communal, societal and cross-cultural dynamics. 
Prerequisite: One 200-level PAST or PASX paper 
Restriction: PAST 216

PAST 322 Christian Ministry in te ao Māori (the Māori World)  
18 points (Summer School)  
Explores Christian Ministry and theology in relation to te ao Māori (the Māori World), taking into consideration Māori expressions, understanding and practice of ministry within a historical and contemporary context. 
Prerequisite: One 100-level PAST or CHTH paper 
Restriction: MINS 415

PAST 323 Christian Ministry in te ao Māori (the Māori World)  
18 points (semester 2)  
Explores Christian Ministry and theology in relation to te ao Māori (the Māori World), taking into consideration Māori expressions, understanding and practice of ministry within a historical and contemporary context. 
Prerequisite: One 100-level PAST or CHTH paper 
Restriction: MINS 415

PAST 324 The Chaplain as Ceremonial Leader  
18 points (semester 1)  
To consider the roles that ceremony, symbolism and ritual play in chaplaincy and the expectation that chaplains will provide religious services across a wide range of contexts. 
Prerequisite: One 200-level PAST paper 
Restriction: MINS 424

PAST 380 Research Essay  
18 points (full year or 1 March 2024–21 February 2025) 
Prerequisite: Two 200-level PAST or PASX papers 
Restriction: PASX 380

The following papers may be on offer in 2024 – please contact the Theology department if you are interested: 
PAST 225 A Topic in Pacific Theology  
18 points (semester 2)  
The specific topic in Pacific Theology is yet to be determined pending the appointment of a new lecturer in Pacific Theology. Please make enquiries to the Theology programme for further details. 
Prerequisite: One 100-level paper.

PAST 325 A Topic in Pacific Theology (Advanced)  
18 points (semester 2)  
The specific topic in Pacific Theology is yet to be determined pending the appointment of a new lecturer in Pacific Theology. Please make enquiries to the Theology programme for further details. 
Prerequisite: One 200-level paper.

The following papers are not offered in 2024: 
BIBS 215 Special Topic: The Bible in Religious Education 
BIBS 218 Judaism in the Time of Jesus 
BIBS 221 The Gospels 
BIBS 225 Special Topic: Approaches to Hermeneutics 
BIBS 227 Mātauranga Māori and the Bible 
BIBS 315 Special Topic: Israel’s Return from Exile 
BIBS 318 Judaism in the Time of Jesus (Advanced) 
BIBS 321 The Gospels (Advanced) 
BIBS 322 The New Testament Epistles 
BIBS 325 Special Topic: Approaches to Hermeneutics 
BIBS 327 Mātauranga Māori and the Bible (Advanced) 
CHTH 206 The Reformation 
CHTH 212 Spirit, Church and Sacraments 
CHTH 213 The Trinity 
CHTH 224 Theology and the Environment 
CHTH 231 Christianity, War and Violence 
CHTH 235 Special Topic: Theology, Money and Markets 
CHTH 305 The Roots of Public Theology 
CHTH 306 The Reformation (Advanced) 
CHTH 312 Spirit, Church and Sacraments (Advanced) 
CHTH 313 The Trinity (Advanced) 
CHTH 314 The Theology of Søren Kierkegaard 
CHTH 319 Reconciliation, Christian Ethics and Public Theology 
CHTH 322 Citizenship, Democracy and Discipleship 
CHTH 323 Theology and Human Well-being 
CHTH 324 Theology and the Environment (Advanced) 
CHTH 331 Christianity, War and Violence (Advanced) 
CHTH 335 Special Topic: Theology, Money and Markets (Advanced) 
PAST 219 Christian Witness in a Secular World 
PAST 307 Special Topic: A Practical Theology of Mental Health 
PAST 311 Preaching and Communication in a Contemporary Context 
PAST 314 Cultures, Migration and Faith 
PAST 319 Christian Witness in a Secular World 
PAST 320 Church in Mission: Theology in Changing Cultures 
PAST 321 Missional God, Missional People 
PAST 322 Christian Theology and the Arts

Qualifications and programmes of study
Bachelor of Theology with Honours (BTheol (Hons)) Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (PGDipTheol) 
The BTheol (Hons) and the PGDipTheol qualifications require one year of full-time or its equivalent in part-time study and may be taken in Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, or Pastoral Studies. Candidates are required to hold a Bachelor of Theology (BTheol) degree in the major subject of the proposed programme with satisfactory grades. The aim of the programme is to expose a candidate to advanced knowledge and skills in one of the sub-disciplines of Theology. Graduates are able to pursue careers in many fields, including education, counselling and church-related areas.

Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy (PGCertChap) 
The aim of the PGCertChap is to enhance chaplaincy in a range of contemporary settings through the incorporation of current scholarship into the practice of chaplaincy. The admission requirement is a degree or equivalent three-year qualification with satisfactory grades. The coursework consists of three 20-point 400-level taught papers,
of which at least two are core papers in the area of Chaplaincy (within the Ministry study area).

If the third core paper in the area of Chaplaincy is not taken to complete the qualification, then the final paper is selected from a list of additional papers offered in the areas of Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, and Ministry Studies. The Certificate is designed to enhance a graduate’s professional practice as a Chaplain.

**Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy (PGDipChap)**
The aim of the PGDipChap is to enhance chaplaincy in a range of contemporary settings, through the incorporation of current scholarship into the practice of chaplaincy. The admission requirement is a degree or equivalent three-year qualification with satisfactory grades. The coursework consists of six 20-point 400-level taught papers, of which three are core papers in the area of Chaplaincy (within the Ministry study area) and three are selected from a list of additional papers offered in the areas of Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, and Ministry Studies. The Diploma is designed to enhance a graduate’s professional practice as a Chaplain.

**Master of Chaplaincy (MChap)**
The aim of the MChap is to enhance chaplaincy in a range of contemporary settings, through the incorporation of current scholarship into the practice of chaplaincy. The admission requirement is a degree or equivalent three-year qualification with satisfactory grades.

The coursework consists of six 20-point 400-level taught papers, of which three are core papers in the area of Chaplaincy (within the Ministry study area) and three are selected from a list of additional papers offered in the areas of Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, and Ministry Studies. The degree also involves the completion of a Research Project worth 60 points in some area of Chaplaincy of around 20,000 words, related to issues emerging from the contemporary practice of Chaplaincy. The degree is designed to enhance a graduate’s professional practice of Chaplaincy and to enable advanced reflection and research on the practice of Chaplaincy.

**Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry (PGDipMin) and Master of Ministry (MMin)**
These postgraduate programmes are for the professional development of those involved in Christian Ministry, enhancing understanding and practice. The programmes integrate theological learning with ongoing engagement in, and study of, the practice of Ministry. The PGDipMin consists of six taught papers. The MMin programme consists of six taught papers and a research project.

**Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-Based Leadership and Management (PGDipFBLM) and Master of Faith-Based Leadership and Management (MFLBM)**
The aim of these postgraduate programmes is to enhance leadership and management in faith-based organisations, through the incorporation of current scholarship in both Theology and Business Administration. They are designed to enhance a graduate’s leadership and management of faith-based organisations and to enable advanced reflection and research on the practice of leadership and management. The admission requirement is a degree or equivalent three-year qualification in any subject area with satisfactory grades. The PGDipFBLM consists of seven taught papers, three in Theology, and four from the MBA programme. The MFLBM programme consists of these seven taught papers and a research project.

**Papers available in 2024**

**BIBS 411 Hebrew Old Testament Exegesis (Advanced)**
20 points (full year)
This paper builds on the study of Hebrew done in BIBS 313 (or the equivalent), advancing students’ abilities to interpret biblical texts critically in the original languages by focusing on the exegesis of specific texts from the Tanakh.

Restriction: BIBX 411

**BIBS 413 God, Suffering and Justice**
20 points (semester 1)
A detailed study of texts from the Hebrew Bible and related literature that wrestles with the problem of how God can be regarded as just in the face of the reality of suffering.

Restriction: BIBS 317, BIBX 317, BIBX 413
Limited to: BA(Hons), PGDipArts, PGCertChap, PGDipChap, MChap, BTheol(Hons), PGDipTheol, MTheol, PGDipMin, MMin

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Faye Davenport

**STUDYING FOR A POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY**

“I consider myself a lifelong learner and am used to studying by distance as I live on the North Island and work full-time as a nurse educator.

“I have been nursing for 46 years and am an ordained deacon in the Anglican Church. As I get closer to retiring, I am looking to have a greater focus on pastoral care in my local church. So, I thought, in the meantime I would extend my knowledge and skills as part of my preparation for retirement.

“I’m pleased to have chosen to study through the University of Otago. There are good support services, for example, the library workshop on EndNote was great. The courses are easy to navigate and the two-weekly Zoom sessions provide rich and diverse conversations.

“My advice to someone who is thinking about studying by distance: take the opportunity and give it a go! It will take you down paths that you had not even thought of, open new doors and spark new interests.”
CHTH 480 Research Essay
20 points (full year or 1 July 2024–21 June 2025)
Topic in Christian Thought and History chosen by students in consultation with their supervisor.
Restriction: CHTX 480
Limited to: BA(Hons), BTheol(Hons), PGDipArts, PGDipTheol

CHTH 485 Research Essay
30 points (full year or 1 July 2024–21 June 2025)
Restriction: CHTH 485

CHTH 490 Dissertation
60 points (full year or 1 July 2024–21 June 2025)
Supervised individual research on a topic in Christian thought and history.
Restriction: CHTX 490
Limited to: BA(Hons), BTheol(Hons), PGDipArts, PGDipTheol

MINS 410 Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss
20 points (semester 2)
The role of chaplains, ministers and other caregivers in situation of death, dying and loss, and the ways they can facilitate a healthy grieving process.
Restriction: PAST 318
Limited to: BA(Hons), PGDipArts, PGCertChap, PGDipChap, Mchap, BTheol(Hons), PGDipTheol, MTheol, MMin, PGDipMin

MINS 415 Christian Ministry in te ao Māori (the Māori World) (Advanced)
20 points (Summer School)
Explores Christian ministry and theology in relation to te ao Māori (the Māori World) at an advanced level that critiques the role of clergy in relation to Māori expressions, understanding and practice of ministry within a historical and contemporary context.
Restriction: PAST 323
Limited to: BA(Hons), PGDipArts, PGCertChap, PGDipChap, Mchap, BTHeol(Hons), PGDipTheol, MTheol, PGDipMin, MMin

MINS 424 The Chaplain as Ceremonial Leader (Advanced)
20 points (semester 1)
The roles that ceremony, symbolism and ritual play in chaplaincy and the expectation that chaplains will provide religious services across a wide range of contexts.
Restriction: PAST 342

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
BIBS 421 Special Topic: Israel’s Return from Exile (Advanced)
BIBS 423 Special Topic: The New Testament Epistles
CHTH 403 The Puritans: Working out the English Reformation
CHTH 405 The Roots of Public Theology
CHTH 414 The Theology of Søren Kierkegaard (Advanced)
CHTH 415 Reconciliation, Christian Ethics and Public Theology (Advanced)
CHTH 422 Citizenship, Democracy and Discipleship (Advanced)
CHTH 423 Theology and Human Well-being (Advanced)
CHTH 495 Dissertation
MINS 405 Special Topic: A Practical Theology of Mental Health (Advanced)
MINS 406 Theological Perspectives on Leadership
MINS 407 Preaching and Communication in a Contemporary Context
MINS 408 Cultures, Migration and Faith
MINS 411 Chaplaincy in Diverse Contexts
MINS 412 Church in Mission: Theology in Changing Cultures (Advanced)
MINS 413 Missional God, Missional People (Advanced)
MINS 414 Christian Theology and the Arts (Advanced)

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Sciences
Te Rohe o Ahikāroa

This section provides information on the qualifications and papers available to study by distance in the Division of Sciences, including contact details for each programme. We strongly recommend that you consult a course adviser before selecting your papers – with the right advice, you can enrol with confidence.

Bioengineering

BIOE 404 Medical Devices and Technology
20 points (full year)
Limited to: MSc, MAppSc, PGDipAppSc, PGCertAppSc
Note: May not be credited together with BIOE 402 passed in 2016 or 2017.

BIOE 405 Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cells
20 points (full year)
Designing regenerative medicine therapies via combining biomaterials engineering principles and stem cell biology, e.g. technologies in regenerative medical strategies.
Limited to: MSc, MAppSc, PGDipAppSc, PGCertAppSc, PGDipSci
Note: May not be credited with BIOE 402 completed 2019 to 2021.

Further information
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Chemistry

CHEM 150 Concepts in Chemistry
18 points (Summer School)
Introduction to the core ideas and methods of chemistry, recommended for students with limited chemistry backgrounds. Topics include stoichiometry, equilibria, thermochemistry, redox, acid-base chemistry and main group and organic chemistry.
Notes: (i) Students who have achieved 14 credits of NCEA level 2 chemistry or more, or any credits of NCEA level 3 chemistry (or their equivalents) will need Head of Department approval to enrol in the course. (ii) CHEM 150 cannot be credited to a degree if CHEM 191 or CHEM 111 has been passed previously. (iii) No other Summer School paper may be taken concurrently with CHEM 150.

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Introductory Chemistry
(throughout the year)

Chemistry is a pivotal subject to almost all science-related studies, but not every student is sufficiently prepared to attempt first-year chemistry. The Department of Chemistry offers a distance-taught course in Introductory Chemistry, providing a firm foundation of the key chemical concepts for those students who consider their previous chemistry education to have been deficient. It is particularly valuable for mature students.

Enrolment for Introductory Chemistry is continuous throughout the year. Students may work at their own pace and most
complete the course in about 100 hours (10 hours per week = 10 weeks).
There are no entrance restrictions for this course.
Introductory Chemistry does not count for credit towards any university qualification.

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Chemical Hazards
An understanding of the risks associated with the use of chemicals in modern society, the assessment of these risks, and how the risks can be managed and minimised are an important aspect of modern society. Chemical hazards impact on our health, environment and working practices.

HAZA 401 is a general introduction to chemical hazards. It may be taken by students with a limited chemistry background and working in areas such as Worksafe, EPA, regional councils, emergency services, school technicians, etc. The paper is open to all graduates, however a knowledge of general chemistry, preferably to at least secondary school Year 13/tertiary first year Chemistry, is assumed and will be required to understand and answer many aspects of the course.

Candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma/Certificate in Health Sciences endorsed in Hazard Assessment and Management must either be a graduate or holder of a professional qualification requiring at least three years’ tertiary-level study or have alternative qualifications or experience acceptable to the approval of the Board. The Board will require evidence of ability to undertake advanced academic study.

HAZA 401 Management of Chemical Hazards
20 points (27 February–31 August)
Principles that guide the identification and practical treatment of chemical hazards in today’s society.
Restriction: CHEM 477, CHEX 477, HAZX 401

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
HAZA 408 Radiation Hazards
HAZA 409 New Organisms: Risk Assessment and Management

Further information
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Email chemistry@otago.ac.nz
Web otago.ac.nz/courses/papers/index.html?papercode=HAZA401

Computer Science

COMP 161 Computer Programming
18 points (semester 2 or Pre-Christmas Summer School 11 November–14 December)
An introduction to computer programming suitable for beginners with little or no prior experience. Introduces the Java programming language, basic object oriented concepts and simple graphical applications.
Restriction: COMP 160

COSC 360 Computer Game Design
18 points (Summer School)
An introduction to the interdisciplinary field of computer game design, with an emphasis on technical skills. Topics include game critique, game design, programming, visual design and interactive storytelling.
Prerequisite: COSC 202 or COSC 402
Restriction: COSC 344, COSC 430

COSC 444 Advanced Database Technologies
20 points (semester 1)
Advanced relational database theory, database security, data backup and recovery, distributed databases, NoSQL databases and state-of-the-art research in the database field.
Restriction: COSC 344, COSC 430

The following paper is not available in 2024:
COMP 390 Industry Project

Further information
Adviser of Studies
Email adviser@cs.otago.ac.nz

Materials Science and Technology

Ever wondered what makes a material sustainable, what part you can play towards a sustainable future or why metals should be recycled? MATS 204 takes you on a journey through the life cycle of everyday objects and the materials they are made of, from the impacts of extracting raw materials to what happens at the end of their life, and all the bits in between. Learn what to treasure about materials and how not to trash them! Be proactive about sustainability and study over the summer without having to be on campus.

MATS 204 Treasure or Trash: Sustainability of Materials
18 points (Summer School)
Broad and complex challenges associated with sustainability of materials. Aspects of product life cycle related to material selection and use (processing, production, design, end-of-life).
Prerequisite: 54 points

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Further information
Human Nutrition
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Human Nutrition
Are you interested in learning the science behind food and nutrition? Do you want to understand how the food we eat affects our body and overall health? HUNT 141 examines the role that food and nutrition plays in the health and wellbeing of individuals and populations. This paper has a strong practical component that allows the student to explore and assess their own dietary and nutrient requirements. This paper provides an overview of several areas of nutrition and will be relevant to those studying and working in nutrition and dietetics, medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, public health, food science, and sports and exercise nutrition.

HUNT 141 Understanding Human Nutrition
18 points (Summer School)
Basic understanding of key nutritional concepts and the importance of evidence-based nutrition for individual and population health.
Restriction: HUNT 233

Further information
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Email human-nutrition@otago.ac.nz

Please note the availability of some papers may have changed since this prospectus was printed. For up-to-date information, contact the department concerned or check otago.ac.nz/courses
Mathematics

The modern world is built on science and technology. As such, the increasingly competitive job market requires new graduates to have confidence and fluency in quantitative problem solving. MATH 120 uses a problem-based learning approach to develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills by consistently working through applied examples from a range of scientific disciplines, while learning new techniques and tools. Students will be encouraged to try different approaches, critically analyse their findings and communicate them orally and/or as written reports. As a result, MATH 120 students will be ideally equipped to specialise in any discipline that includes a quantitative component.

MATH 120 Mathematics for Scientists

18 points (Summer School)

The development of understanding, formulation and application of a variety of approaches to quantitative problem solving in scientific disciplines.

Restriction: MATH 101, MATH 102, MATH 160, MATH 170

Further information

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Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences

The School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences is excited to announce a new suite of postgraduate programmes, the following of which are available by distance.

Postgraduate Diploma of Sport Development and Management (PGDipSpDM)

A 120-point coursework programme with the option for students to exit after one academic year or to progress to the Master of Sport Development and Management (MSpDM).

Required papers: SPEX 401, SPEX 460, SPEX 461, SPEX 480 and one of TOUR 426, SOCI 401, SOCI 402, SOCI 410, EDUC 433, MANT 450, MAOR 427, MANT 454

Note: Some papers in SOCI, MANT and MAOR may not be available for selection via distance.

Master of Sport Development and Management (MSpDM)

A 180-point coursework postgraduate degree designed for individuals who are employed in Sport Development and Management and want to upskill for professional development reasons. It is also intended as a pathway for those students graduating with a BSc or BA majoring in Sport Management and Development (or comparable qualification) into employment in the field.

It has the same structure as the Postgraduate Diploma in Sport Development and Management (PGDipSpDM) and also features a 30 point Practicum and associated 30 point Practicum Report. These papers offer students the opportunity to pursue a placement within an appropriate sport organisation. The typical duration of the programme is 12 months.

Papers available in 2024

SPEX 401 Research Methods in Sport, Exercise and Health

20 points (semester 1)

Advanced study of methodologies used in sport, health and exercise research.

Limited to: BAppSc(Hons), BSc(Hons), PGDipSc, MSc, PGCertAppSc, PG DipAppSc, MAppSc, MSpDM, PGDipSpDM

SPEX 460 Advanced Topics in Sport Development

20 points (semester 1)

Advanced study of two modules (each worth 10 points) from a selection of topics in sport development.

Prerequisite: 72 300-level points

Limited to: BAppSc(Hons), BSc(Hons), PGDipSc, MSc, PGCertAppSc, PGDipAppSc, MAppSc, MSpDM, PGDipSpDM

SPEX 461 Advanced Topics in Sport Management and Policy

20 points (semester 2)

Advanced study of two modules (each worth 10 points) from a selection of topics in sport development.

Prerequisite: 72 300-level points

Limited to: BAppSc (Hons), BSc(Hons), PGDipSc, MSc, PGCertAppSc, PGDipAppSc, MAppSc, MSpDM, PGDipSpDM

SPEX 517 Practicum Report

30 points (full year or 23 February 2024–21 February 2025)

A report on the SPEX 516 practicum.

Co-requisite: SPEX 516

Limited to: MSpDM

Further information

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Science Communication

In addition to teaching creative thinkers how to use stories to communicate the science they are most passionate about, our innovative academic programme examines how people consume and use scientific information. Our teaching staff are leading figures in the creative science communication industry and are also actively engaged in conducting high-quality research. With a special applied focus on creative nonfiction science and natural history writing, we cover a broad range of creative practice, including multimedia, filmmaking, podcasts, events and exhibitions.

Qualifications and programme of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Science Communication (PGCertSciComm) and Postgraduate Diploma in Science Communication (PGDipSciComm).

The programme caters for a range of students – those with no prior experience in science communication who want an introduction to the discipline, as well as those who are already professional science communicators and have a desire to fill a skills gap or increase their understanding of the science and theoretical foundations of science communication.

The PGCertSciComm (3 papers) can be completed within a single semester (normally S1), and the PGDipSciComm (6 papers) over one academic year (two semesters). However, students can also enrol part-time and go at their own pace. Our “staircasing” model means that any credits earned for the PGCertSciComm can be applied towards the PGDipSciComm.
Papers available in 2024

**SCOM 432 The Craft of Storytelling**
20 points (semester 1)
A seminar-based paper that explores the requirements for the core skill necessary for the communication of science and natural history – telling a story.
Limited to: PGDipSciComm, PGCertSciComm
Note: Normally available only to postgraduate students.

**SCOM 439 Introduction to Science Communication**
20 points (semester 1)
A seminar-based introduction to models of science communication, theories of what science is, audiences and publics for science communication and how to communicate widely and effectively.
Limited to: PGDipSciComm, PGCertSciComm
Note: Normally available only to postgraduate students.

**SCOM 419 Special Topic: Exemplary Figures in Science Communication**
20 points (semester 1)
Examines classic and contemporary readings and other material in creative science communication, critically exploring the use of style, voice, exposition, structure and other narrative elements in conveying scientific content in engaging ways.
Limited to: PGDipSciComm, PGCertSciComm
Note: Normally available only to postgraduate students.

**SCOM 433 Science and Creative Non-Fiction Writing**
20 points (semester 2)
A seminar-based paper that examines the academic and theoretical issues associated with creative non-fiction and how science can best be popularised.
Limited to: PGDipSciComm, PGCertSciComm
Note: Normally available only to postgraduate students.

**SCOM 434 Science Communication Internship**
20 points (semester 2)
Project-based development of professional skills and networks in a work setting, extending the skills and implementing practices and principles learned in other Science Communication papers.
Limited to: PGDipSciComm
Note: Normally available only to postgraduate students.

The following paper (or other suitable 400-level alternative with approval) would be a useful choice to include in your programme.

**MART 449 Creative Marketing for Behaviour Change**
20 points (semester 2)
Explore the theoretical foundations of creative marketing and apply them to encourage behaviour change, specifically in the contexts of environmental conservation, sustainable development and social change. Learn how to apply creative marketing, visual storytelling and filmmaking for behaviour change initiatives.
*Or suitable 400-level alternative with approval.

**Further information**
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Web https://www.otago.ac.nz/science-communication/index.html

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**Surveying**
Surveying and Spatial Science is an introduction to the field methods, equipment and computational procedures used in surveying and spatial science. It is an appropriate introduction for polytechnic students, and for those employed in surveying as construction contractors, in engineering or planning, and at local authorities.

**Paper available in 2024**

**SURV 120 Surveying and Spatial Science**
18 points (semester 2)
An introduction to the field methods, equipment, and computational procedures used in surveying and spatial science to measure, map and analyse Earth’s surface features and the built environment.
Restriction: SURV 101, SURV 111

The following paper is not offered in 2024:

**SURV 562 Hydrographic Field Design and Voyage**

**Further information**
School of Surveying
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**Katie Keir**
**STUDYING FOR A POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**

“I decided to study by distance learning because I’m a new mum wanting a career change, but I couldn’t move my family to Dunedin. This way, I can still study and not uproot our lives. I chose Otago because it offered a more practical, hands-on approach compared to other science communication courses I’d looked into.

“I LOVE distance learning! It’s great having flexibility and being able to work around family life and a busy toddler. I was worried I would feel disconnected and not part of it all, but that hasn’t been the case at all. The lecturer has really made the distance students feel like an important part of the class.

“After my distance studies, I’d like to find work that is flexible and fits in around having a young family – some sort of freelance writing perhaps. I think science communication opens up lots of doors for me in this sense.”
Business Administration

Qualification and programmes of study

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
The Otago Online MBA is an interactive, live and collaborative MBA programme of world-class standard. The Otago MBA programme is ranked #1 in New Zealand* and the Otago MBA online programme is ranked #26 globally**.
The MBA is designed for high achievers who want to undertake a high-quality MBA programme but are not able to attend on-campus or full-time classes. The only differences between our online and on-campus programmes are the delivery mechanism and time frame.

You will be taught by a pool of lecturers specially selected for both their academic excellence and strong practical experience. Entry and application requirements are rigorous and require acceptable managerial experience and often an undergraduate degree.

Lectures are delivered live online in the evenings twice a week. You will share interactive discussions with your classmates and participate in break-out sessions. You will be expected to attend all classes. The classes are also recorded for revision purposes.

You will gain practical exposure to both local and global businesses. The curriculum comprises two phases and can be completed in two years. The entire MBA programme covers a total of 240 points;

In Phase One, you will take 12 core subjects, listed below. More information can be found on pages 29–30.

- BMBA 501 Business Law
- BMBA 502 Marketing
- BMBA 503 Organisational Leadership
- BMBA 505 Business Economics
- BMBA 506 Human Resource Management
- BMBA 507 Accounting
- BMBA 508 Investment and Global Financial Markets
- BMBA 509 Strategic Planning

Phase Two consists of one of the following options:

- a 60-point BUSI 540 business project which involves about 720 hours of work. The entire MBA programme covers a total of 240 points;
- 60 points worth of MBA Short Courses (10 points each) that are taught on campus over January/February of each year
- international exchange.

Further information

Business
Te Kura Pakihi

This section provides information on the qualifications, followed by a list of all distance papers, available to study by distance in the Otago Business School, including contact details for each programme. We strongly recommend that you consult a course adviser before selecting your papers – with the right advice, you can enrol with confidence.

* QS Global MBA Rankings 2022 Top NZ MBA
** QS Online MBA Rankings 2022

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Further information

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** QS Online MBA Rankings 2022
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
The DBA programme is a doctoral level qualification that has direct and practical applications for both industry and employers. The aim of the programme is to ensure that knowledge is developed for public good and economic benefit as a direct outcome. The degree is structured to allow candidates to continue working and to focus on specific business problems within their own workplace as part of their degree. The programme of study consists of six 20-point taught papers over the first year of enrolment, followed by a two-year thesis. Papers are block taught, one at a time, with each block consisting of eight weeks of teaching plus a three-day on-campus block of workshops. The thesis gives students an opportunity to reflect on their work experiences while undertaking applied research under the guidance of experienced supervisors.

The taught papers are listed below. More information about these papers can be found on pages 28–29.

Three compulsory 20-point papers:
BDBA 905 Research Methodology I
BDBA 906 Research Methodology II
BDBA 907 Socially Responsible Business

and three elective 20-point papers selected from:
BDBA 901 Organisational Leadership and Change
BDBA 902 Organisational Psychology
BDBA 903 Globalisation and International Trade
BDBA 904 Contemporary Issues in Finance
BDBA 908 Sustainable Business
BDBA 909 New Thinking in Marketing Theory
BDBA 912 Strategy and Growth

Further information
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Data Science
Qualification and programme of study
Master of Business Data Science
The programme consists of the following papers:
BSNS 401 The Environment of Business and Economics
COSC 444 Advanced Database Technologies
INFO 408 Management of Large Scale Data
INFO 411 Machine Learning and Data Mining
INFO 420 Statistical Techniques for Data Science
INFO 424 Adaptive Business Intelligence
MART 448 Advanced Business Analytics
and one of
INFO 501 Applied Project
INFO 580 Research Project

Further information
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Digital Health
Digital Health encompasses the rapidly evolving technologies, applications and systems that can be used to help improve the health and wellness of individuals, groups and populations.

Technological and other developments are likely to change the roles and functions of health professionals over the next two decades to ensure safer, more effective and more personalised care for patients. To equip the future workforce, professionals require up-to-date knowledge of the new digital health systems used in hospitals, clinics and patients’ homes, and how health data should be collected and used in an ethical and responsible way. Digital health professionals should be able to co-design systems with patients and clinical end-users so that they are easy to use and do not adversely affect patient safety.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Digital Health (PGCertDigHeal)
The PGCertDigHeal requires at least six months of full time or its equivalent in part-time study. The qualification is intended for a broad range of graduates and professionals who are employed or plan employment in digital health or related areas or those

Laks Balasubramanian
STUDYING FOR A MASTER OF BUSINESS DATA SCIENCE (MBUSDATASC)

“As an experienced data scientist, I was interested in learning cutting-edge skills and completing further studies. I found Otago’s Master of Business Data Science offered a unique blend of business and analytical skills required to leverage data, generate insights and solve problems. As a working professional, I chose to study by distance learning and part-time for the flexibility this offered. It has enabled me to have the best of both worlds.

“I am half-way through my studies, and the learning experience has been great. I have received incredible support from the programme advisor and other professors and tutors. They have extended their support by organising additional office hours and sessions to clarify students’ doubts and questions, which is highly appreciated.

“Distance learning provides great flexibility in how you structure your degree, and I would highly recommend studying by distance through the University of Otago if you’re a working professional living outside Dunedin.”
Sustainable Business
Qualifications and programmes of study

Master of Sustainable Business
The Master of Sustainable Business (MSusBus) provides an in-depth consideration of one of the key issues of our time – how to manage an organisation while maximising social outcomes and minimising impacts on the natural environment.

The Otago MSusBus is designed for high achievers who want to undertake a high-quality master’s programme in sustainability, but other commitments are preventing you from studying full-time or being on campus. The MSusBus is an interactive, live and collaborative master’s programme of world-class standard open to students who have completed a bachelor’s degree in any discipline.

The programme enables students to hone their sustainable business skills and advance their career from anywhere in New Zealand and beyond. The MSusBus is an interdisciplinary programme providing students with an advanced qualification in sustainability. Drawing upon emerging research in the field, this programme will position graduates for a wide range of career options in the public and private sectors – as practitioners and policy makers in roles such as sustainability managers, business analysts, sustainable business consultants and sustainability advisers.

Live classes are held in the evenings using a secure virtual learning environment.

The online programme is designed to be studied part-time over the course of two years.

No need to attend classes in Dunedin.

Coursework consists of seven compulsory papers, offered one-at-a-time, and an applied project.

The MSusBus by distance is a 180 point programme of study comprised of:
BSNS 401 The Environment of Business and Economics
MANT 414 Research Process
MANT 437 Organisations and Sustainability
MANT 447 Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Business
MANT 450 Governance and Social Responsibility
MANT 451 Strategic Change and Innovation
MANT 455 Leadership Development
MANT 501 Applied Project

Business papers available in 2024

BDBA 901 Organisational Leadership and Change
20 points (15 January–8 March or 26 August–18 October 2024)
The principles of leadership styles and success; how attitudes can impact on individual and organisational performance; corporate cultures; the principles of organisational change, how it is implemented and leading change.

Limited to: DBA
Note: This paper includes a compulsory on-campus component.

BDBA 902 Organisational Psychology
20 points (26 August–18 October)
The principles of organisational psychology, the role of emotional intelligence, the realities of group dynamics and group behaviour, intergroup conflict and co-operation.
BDBA 912 Strategy and Growth
20 points (1 July–23 August)
Examine the tools and thinking necessary to deal with uncertainty and complexity in business. Provides students with critical awareness of dynamic changes in business environments.

Limited to: DBA
Note: This paper includes a compulsory on-campus component.

BDBA 913 Governance and Data-Informed Decision Making
20 points (6 May–28 June)
The principles of organisational governance and data-informed decision making, including collaborative governance, data governance and the importance of evidence-informed and ethical decision making.

Limited to: DBA

BMBA 501 Business Law
15 points (15 January–25 February or 29 July–8 September)
Key basic legal and governance principles and frameworks, which are commonly present and crucially important in commercial transactions and business situations generally.

Restriction: CMBA 501
Limited to: PGDipBusAdmin, MBA, PGDipHealMgt, MHealSc, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 502 Marketing
15 points (4 November–8 December)
An introduction to marketing fundamental principles, the key impact of marketing in differing economic environments and marketing communications in different business strategies.

Restriction: CMBA 502
Limited to: PGDipBusAdmin, MBA, PGDipHealMgt, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 503 Organisational Leadership
15 points (22 April–2 June or 16 September–27 October)
The fundamental principles of transformational leadership, the impact of perception and motivation on individual and group performance, and how attitudes can impact on work experience and organisational performance.

Restriction: CMBA 503
Limited to: PGDipBusAdmin, MBA, PGDipHealMgt, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 504 Contemporary Issues in Finance
20 points (1 July–23 August)

Limited to: DBA

BMBA 505 Economics
15 points (4 March–14 April or 10 June–21 July or 4 November–15 December)
Basic economic concepts and frameworks, an overview of Macroeconomic principles, and useful tools and techniques to make sense of the business world.

Restriction: CMBA 505
Limited to: PGDipBusAdmin, MBA, PGDipHealMgt, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 506 Human Resource Management
15 points (22 April–2 June or 16 September–27 October)
How HRM can contribute to the survival, adaptation and growth of organisations and a critical management perspective of HRM practices in order to make better management decisions.

Restriction: CMBA 506
Limited to: PGDipBusAdmin, MBA, PGDipHealMgt, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 507 Corporate Financial Analysis
15 points (15 January–25 February or 29 July–8 September)
The basis of measurement and valuation used in financial and management accounting, and views on the different accounting approaches to support business decisions.

Restriction: CMBA 507
Limited to: PGDipBusAdmin, MBA, PGDipHealMgt, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 508 Corporate Financial Reporting
15 points (10 June–21 July or 4 November–15 December)
International financial reports, corporate governance, the time value of money, capital asset pricing models, and financial planning and risk management.

Restriction: CMBA 508
Limited to: PGDipBusAdmin, MBA, PGDipHealMgt, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 509 Strategic Planning for International Markets
15 points (15 January–25 February or 4 March–14 April)
The integration of strategic business functions and processes by which business leaders prepare their firms for growth, and typical problems faced in planning for business growth.

Restriction: CMBA 509
Limited to: PGDipBusAdmin, MBA, PGDipHealMgt, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM
Tasj Paulson
STUDYING FOR A MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

“Living in Gisborne as a co-owner of a hydraulics business, going away to university was not an option for me. My son and daughter-in-law are both alumni of Otago, and through their research told me I must do the Otago MBA because it’s rated so highly in the world rankings. When I looked into it further, it suited me perfectly.

“The delivery of the MBA programme at Otago has been excellent. The twice-weekly evening lectures, lasting three hours each, are live and interactive. They provide a platform for group presentations, which initially felt daunting but turned out to be invaluable in boosting my confidence. The assignments for each paper have equipped me with research skills, furthered my critical thinking abilities and provided a safe space to improve my public speaking.

“To those considering distance learning, I would say just do it! I was very nervous and a bit intimidated when I attended my first lecture, but Otago’s online programme proved to be an inclusive and supportive environment.”

BMBA 510 Leading Sustainable Enterprises
15 points (16 September–27 October or 4 November–15 December)
Concepts and approaches to provide an appreciation of sustainability and sustainable development in relation to business, and the legal, institutional, national and global contexts of sustainability.
Restriction: CBMA 510
Limited to: MBA, PGDipBusAdmin, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 511 Operational Excellence
15 points (22 April–2 June or 10 June–21 July)
Key management decisions in areas of operations strategy, supply chain configuration and quality management, and techniques to analyse operational implications in different business sectors.
Restriction: CBMA 511
Limited to: MBA, PGDipBusAdmin, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 512 International Business
15 points (4 March–14 April or 29 July–8 September)
Business organisations in a global context, and the diverse approaches of firms and companies in various global markets and locations.
Restriction: CBMA 512
Limited to: MBA, PGDipBusAdmin, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BMBA 513 Strategy Implementation
15 points (22 April–2 June or 16 September–27 October)
The success factors relating to strategy implementation, the importance of sales and cash flow management, and the skills required to execute a strategic plan and present under pressure.
Restriction: CBMA 513
Limited to: MBA, PGDipBusAdmin, MHealSc, PGCertEM, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM

BUSI 540 Professional Consulting Engagement
60 points (22 January–28 April or 24 June–29 September)
Students work with clients to understand their business and apply course materials to a real business problem. Both the ability to manage the project process and final report are marked.
Restriction: CBUS 540
Limited to: MBA

BSNS 401 The Environment of Business and Economics
20 points (10 June–6 September)
Provides exposure to multi-cultural and international influences on business and global economics, including communications, governance, accountability and ethics. Designed to develop skills for graduates working in all international environments.
Restricted to: BCom(Hons), MBusDataSc, MIntBus, MSusBus
Notes: (i) For BCom(Hons) students, this paper is intended only for those studying Accounting. (ii) The N1 distance occurrence of this paper is only available to students enrolled in the MSusBus programme.

DIGH 701 Principles of Digital Health and Informatics
30 points (semester 1)
Advanced study of the strategies and frameworks that support the development and safe application of digital and information systems technology in healthcare.
Restriction: HEIN 701, HEIN 702

DIGH 703 Digital Health Technologies and Systems
30 points (semester 1)
Advanced techniques, processes, skills and tools required to inform the development and safe application of digital and information systems technology in healthcare.
Restriction: HEIN 703

DIGH 706 Research Methods for Digital Health
30 points (semester 2)
Introduction to all aspects of the process of research, with a special emphasis on study designs common in digital health, health informatics and biomedical research.
Restriction: HEIN 706, HEIX 706

DIGH 707 Digital Health Information Governance and Ethics
30 points (semester 2)
Introduces the concepts of ethics and moral behaviour as it relates to the governance of digital health and health informatics.
Restriction: HEIN 707, HEIX 707

DIGH 708 Patient-Centred Digital Health
15 points (semester 2)
Advanced study of the transformation of healthcare for patients through home-based digital health technologies such as telemedicine, self-monitoring and wearables.
Prerequisite: DIGH 701, DIGH 703
DIGH 709 Emerging Technologies in Digital Health
15 points (semester 2)
Advanced study of the role of deep technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics and biotechnology to improve health services and patient outcomes.
Prerequisite: DIGH 701, DIGH 703

INFO 408 Management of Large-Scale Data
20 points (semester 2)
A study of advanced topics relating to the management of extremely large-scale data sets (‘big data’).
Limited to: MA, MBus, MCom, MSc, MAppSc, MBusDataSc, BA(Hons), BAppSc(Hons), BCom(Hons), BSc(Hons), PG DipAppSc, PG DipArts, PG DipCom, PG DipSci, PG CertAppSc

INFO 411 Machine Learning and Data Mining
20 points (semester 2)
Principles and algorithms of machine learning techniques and their use in data mining; application case studies on business intelligence, software engineering, computer networking and pattern recognition etc.; new research trends.
Restriction: INFX 411
Limited to: MA, MAAppSc, MBus, MCom, MSc, MBusDataSc, BA(Hons), BAppSc(Hons), BCom(Hons), BSc(Hons), PG DipAppSc, PG DipArts, PG DipCom, PG DipSci, PG CertAppSc

INFO 420 Statistical Techniques for Data Science
20 points (semester 2)
Explores a range of statistical techniques for data analysis, from statistical modelling of univariate data to the visualisation of patterns in multivariate data.
Prerequisite: STAT 110
Restriction: STAT 210
Limited to: MBusDataSc, BCom(Hons), BSc(Hons), BA(Hons), PG DipCom, PG DipSci, PG DipArts, BAppSc(Hons), MAppSc, MSc, MBus, PG CertAppSc, PG DipAppSc

INFO 424 Adaptive Business Intelligence
20 points (semester 1)
The techniques of data science used to produce predictive and adaptive decision support techniques with particular emphasis on prediction, optimisation and search methods.
Prerequisite: BSNS 102 or STAT 110
Restriction: INFO 304, INFO 324
Limited to: MA, MBus, MCom, MSc, MAppSc, MBusDataSc, BA(Hons), BAppSc(Hons), BCom(Hons), BSc(Hons), PG DipAppSc, PG DipArts, PG DipCom, PG DipSci, PG CertAppSc

INFO 501 Applied Project
40 points (26 February 2024–14 February 2025 or 15 July 2024–4 July 2025)
An investigation of a business problem (real or simulated), backed by appropriate applied and academic literature.
Limited to: MBus DataSc

INFO 580 Research Project
40 points (26 February 2024–14 February 2025 or 15 July 2024–4 July 2025)
Investigation of a problem at a critical and analytical level, backed by appropriate applied and academic literature.
Limited to: MBus DataSc

MANT 414 Research Process
20 points (11 June–6 September)
Introduction to the research process covering philosophy, literature reviews and qualitative and quantitative research methods.
Limited to: BCom(Hons), PG DipCom, MintBus, MSusBus, MCom
Note: The N1 distance occurrence of this paper is only available to students enrolled in the MSusBus programme.

MANT 437 Organisations and Sustainability
20 points (4 March–31 July)
Examines how businesses are responding to sustainability and climate change in the current socio-economic context, and encourages students to create alternative scenarios of future business worlds.
Restriction: MANT 337
Limited to: BCom(Hons), PG DipCom, MSusBus, MCom
Note: The N1 distance occurrence of this paper is only available to students enrolled in the MSusBus programme.

MANT 447 Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Business
20 points (4 March–31 May)
Focuses on interactions between organisations, society and the environment by exploring concepts of sustainability at macro and micro levels. Climate change and sustainable transitions are considered in theory, research and organisational practice.
Prerequisite: MANT 337 or MANT 437
Limited to BCom(Hons), PG DipCom, MCom, MSusBus
Note: (i) May not be credited together with MANT 443 offered in 2020 or 2021. (ii) The N1 distance occurrence of this paper is only available to students enrolled in the MSusBus programme.

MANT 450 Governance and Social Responsibility
20 points (16 September–13 December)
Evaluate and critique the concept of social responsibility, understand the context of it and how it functions operationally and at the governance level.
Limited to: BCom(Hons), PG DipCom, MSusBus, MCom
Note: The N1 distance occurrence of this paper is only available to students enrolled in the MSusBus programme.

MANT 451 Strategic Change and Innovation
20 points (16 September–13 December)
Consideration of seminal and contemporary literature in strategic management, change and innovation across a range of subject areas in order to develop an appreciation for key questions that lie ahead for research and practice.
Limited to: BCom(Hons), PG DipCom, MSusBus, MCom
Note: The N1 distance occurrence of this paper is only available to students enrolled in the MSusBus programme.

MANT 455 Leadership Development
20 points (8 January–16 February)
Leadership literature and strategic evaluation of the importance of leaders for business and society, taking into consideration their responsibilities and decision making from a variety of perspectives.
Limited to: BCom(Hons), PG DipCom, MSusBus, MCom
Note: The N1 distance occurrence of this paper is only available to students enrolled in the MSusBus programme.

MANT 501 Applied Project
40 points (8 January–20 December 2024 or 1 July–27 June 2025)
An investigation of a business problem (real or simulated), backed by appropriate applied and academic literature.
Limited to: MSusBus
Note: The N3 and N4 distance occurrences of this paper are only available to students enrolled in the MSusBus programme.

MART 310 Current Issues in International Branding
18 points (Summer School)
Provides an understanding of the strategies that brands use to position themselves in relation to international markets in the context of global business. It considers the socio-political contexts of markets and the cultural influences that affect strategic branding decisions.
Prerequisite: 54 200-level points

Note: May not be credited together with MART 330 passed in 2021, 2022 or 2023

MART 448 Advanced Business Analytics
20 points (semester 2)
Application of advanced analytics in a business context using SAS. Topics include: data marts, data access and integration, predictive modelling, design of experiments, segmentation and forecasting.
Prerequisite: BSNS 102 or BSNS 112 or STAT 110

MART 449 Creative Marketing for Behaviour Change, Sustainability and Social Good
20 points (semester 2)
Explore the theoretical foundations of creative marketing and apply them to encourage behaviour change, specifically in the contexts of environmental conservation, sustainable development and social change.

TOUR 101 Introduction to Tourism
18 points (Summer School)
An introduction to the global principles that structure tourism, the nature and operation of the tourist industry and the impact, development and management issues that arise from tourism.
Restriction: TOUX 101

TOUR 102 Global Tourism
18 points (Summer School)
The major issues in world tourism as it is differentiated on a global regional basis; integrated illustrative case studies.
Restriction: TOUX 102

TOUR 310 Leisure: Lives and Societies
18 points (Summer School)
Examines conceptual and historical perspectives of leisure; the role and scale of contemporary leisure and the leisure industry. Considers determinants of the demand for and access to leisure, hedonism, deviance, freedom and morality.
Prerequisite: 54 200-level points

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
BDBA 903 Globalisation and International Trade
BDBA 909 Marketing Theory and Practice
BMBA 530 Business Project
BMBA 504 Statistics and Decision Tools
BMBA 540 MBA Business Project
ENTR 411 Introduction to Entrepreneurship
ENTR 412 Feasibility Analysis
ENTR 413 Finance for Entrepreneurs
ENTR 414 Marketing in a Digital World
ENTR 415 New Venture Strategy
ENTR 420 Sustainable Entrepreneurship
ENTR 421 Technology and Entrepreneurship
TOUR 350 Special Topic: Heritage Interpretation in the Digital Age
Addiction and Co-existing Disorders

The National Addiction Centre (NAC) is dedicated to improving treatment and prevention of addiction and related problems for people in Aotearoa New Zealand. Located in the Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Otago Christchurch, the NAC provides clinically-based postgraduate study for multidisciplinary students who are primarily working clinically in the addiction, mental health and related fields.

Qualifications and programmes of study

- **Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Addiction and Co-existing Disorders**
  Consists of PSME 404 and PSME 422.

- **Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Addiction and Co-existing Disorders**
  Consists of PSME 404, PSME 422, PSME 424 plus one other approved paper. Note: PSME 424 is no longer taught. This Diploma endorsement is only available to students who have previously completed PSME 424 or who may be eligible to cross-credit related postgraduate papers from another institution.

- **Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Mental Health**
  Postgraduate diploma plus either a thesis or two further approved papers and a dissertation. Papers in the MHealSc endorsed in Mental Health consist of three approved papers from the below:
  - Any PSME paper
  - NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice
  - NURS 409 Mental Health Nursing Practicum
  - An approved research method paper(s) to the value of 30 points
  - A thesis (120 points)

Students taking any of PSME 404, PSME 422 or PSME 424 must have worked clinically for at least two years and, at the time of study, must be working clinically in a therapeutic setting. Students should contact the Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Otago Christchurch, to check eligibility before applying.

The following paper is not available in 2024:
- **PSME 424 Additional Pharmacotherapy**

Further information

Email psychmed.uoc@otago.ac.nz

Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport

(see Aviation Medicine)

Aviation Medicine

(including Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport, Occupational Medicine and Aviation Medicine)

The Occupational and Aviation Medicine Unit (OAMU) provides training to registered medical practitioners and other health professionals in nearly all countries of
the world. The Occupational and Aviation Medicine Unit offers internationally accredited distance education in a range of subjects from certificate to doctoral level, with papers usually available in alternate years. All materials and activities are available on line and there is no on-campus requirement. Some participants are airline or military flying doctors, but most have an interest in civil and general aviation, air ambulance or retrieval medicine, occupational medicine and associated medical problems.

Doctors who have completed the programmes have become specialists in occupational medicine and have incorporated the programmes into their higher professional speciality training programme. Air ambulance service medical directors and International SOS doctors have enhanced their effectiveness by training in the aeromedical aspects of their job. Other specialists come from neurosurgery, trauma and emergency medicine, respiratory medicine, psychiatry and pathology.

Qualifications and programmes of study

Note: The Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Health Sciences and the degree of Master of Health Sciences (endorsed in specified subjects) may be taken by nurses and allied health professionals. The other programmes may be taken only by medical practitioners.

Postgraduate Certificate in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (PGCertAeroRT)
A one-year, part-time programme for medical practitioners comprising two distance-taught papers, AVME 717 and AVME 718.

Postgraduate Certificate in Civil Aviation Medicine (PGCertCAvMed)
An entry-level qualification for medical practitioners who wish to be accredited as CAA aviation medical examiners. A one-year, part-time programme comprising two distance-taught papers: AVME 711 and AVME 714.

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Clinical Ethics
The Certificate in Clinical Ethics (Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science Endorsed in Clinical Ethics) provides students with the ethical tools and skills that will better equip them when faced with difficult ethical situations. It will be of particular interest to health care professionals who are keen to reflect upon their clinical practice and all those with an interest in health care ethics. The Certificate does not assume any existing knowledge of Bioethics. The course is available part time, and can be completed at a distance. One of the core papers (BITC 405 Bioethics in Clinical Practice) will be taught in the evening.

The required papers are:
BITC 401 Theories of Biomedical Ethics
BITC 405 Bioethics in Clinical Practice

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
AVME 715 Health, Work and Behaviour
AVME 716 Clinical Occupational Medicine
AVME 717 Medical Logistics in Aeromedical Transport
AVME 718 Operational Aspects of Aeromedical Transport
AVME 801 Occupational Medicine Epidemiology and Biostatistics
AVME 802 Vocational Rehabilitation
AVME 812 Human Performance
AVME 813 Airport and Travel Health
AVME 885 Application of Research Methods

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Bioethics

Ethical issues in the practice of medicine and related professions and in healthcare research are of topical and practical concern both to practitioners and the general public.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Clinical Ethics
The Certificate in Clinical Ethics (Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science Endorsed in Clinical Ethics) provides students with the ethical tools and skills that will better equip them when faced with difficult ethical situations. It will be of particular interest to health care professionals who are keen to reflect upon their clinical practice and all those with an interest in health care ethics. The Certificate does not assume any existing knowledge of Bioethics. The course is available part time, and can be completed at a distance. One of the core papers (BITC 405 Bioethics in Clinical Practice) will be taught in the evening.

The required papers are:
BITC 401 Theories of Biomedical Ethics
BITC 405 Bioethics in Clinical Practice

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Bioethics
The Bioethics programme offers continuing education for those holding an undergraduate degree or certificate, or having relevant experience. It offers
candidates a comprehensive coverage of theories and issues in Bioethics. Students who achieve at a sufficiently high level (B average) may apply to do the MHealSc(Bioethics).

This qualification may be commenced in either semester 1 or semester 2, and will typically take two years of part-time study.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) may be taken either as a generic qualification or, more usually, with an endorsement in a specific area of specialisation. Please check the requirements of each endorsement carefully.

The required papers are:
BITC 401 Theories of Biomedical Ethics and other 400-level BITC papers to a value of 120 points.

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Bioethics
The MHealSc(Bioethics) offers a student breadth, depth, theory and application in the study of Bioethics.

In the first year, students have to complete the equivalent of a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences endorsed in Bioethics. In the second year students write a supervised research thesis (of approximately 35,000 words).

The papers and research thesis combined will typically take four years of part-time study, or two years of full-time study. The programme can be studied at a distance and part time.

BITC 401 Theories of Biomedical Ethics
Papers to the value of 60 points chosen from:
BITC 404 Ethics and Health Care
BITC 405 Bioethics in Clinical Practice
BITC 406 Health Research Ethics
BITC 407 Advanced Health Research Ethics
Further approved paper(s) to the value of 30 points
A thesis (120 points)

Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics and Health Law (PGDipBHHL)
For students holding an undergraduate degree or certificate, or having relevant experience. The programme will include papers offered in both Law and Bioethics and aims to give students the ability to explore both legal and ethical ramifications of modern healthcare.

Students who achieve at a sufficiently high level (B average) may apply to do the Master of Bioethics and Health Law (MBHL) upon completion.

This qualification will typically take two years of part-time study.

Please Note: Current LLB students are advised to contact the Faculty of Law to discuss this qualification.

This qualification, and all the papers within it, are available for distance study. LAWS papers offer an informal distance option. Although official information for these papers at enrolment will not state that distance learning is available, it is: remote access to lectures and material will be provided to distance students once they are approved into the paper.

The required papers are:
BITC 401 Theories of Biomedical Ethics
BITC 403 Issues in Law, Ethics and Medicine
LAWS 547 Law and Medicine, and at least one of the following:
LAWS 512 Family Law
LAWS 528 Law and Emerging Technologies
LAWS 548 Law and Psychiatry
LAWS 588 Accidents and the Law
and any of LAWS 512, LAWS 528, LAWS 548, and the following papers to make a total of at least 120 points:
BITC 404 Bioethics and Health Care
BITC 405 Bioethics in Clinical Practice
BITC 406 Health Research Ethics
BITC 407 Advanced Health Research Ethics
BITC 412 Special Topic
Other approved LAWS papers

Master of Bioethics and Health Law (MBHL)
The MBHL draws on papers offered in both Bioethics and Law. It gives students the ability to explore ethical and legal ramifications of modern healthcare. Students have the opportunity to research an issue of particular interest to them in a dissertation.

This qualification may be relevant to medical and health professionals and lawyers. Students include health and legal professionals, graduates of law, arts, sciences and health sciences. Many international students have come through this qualification.

This qualification may be commenced in either semester 1 or semester 2. The papers and dissertation combined will typically take three years of part-time study, or one calendar year of full-time study.

Papers are offered through distance learning and may be credited towards postgraduate qualifications including masters’ degrees and postgraduate diplomas in Health Sciences and in Bioethics and Health Law. They may also be taken for Certificate of Proficiency (i.e. without necessarily being counted towards a particular qualification) or for the Diploma for Graduates.

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
LAWS 528 Law and Emerging Technologies
LAWS 588 Accidents and the Law

Further information
Bioethics Centre
Tel  +64 3 471 6120
Email  bioethics@otago.ac.nz
Web  healthsci.otago.ac.nz/bioethics/

Child Health

The University of Otago Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health (DCH) programme is a valuable learning opportunity for health professionals who provide child health services.

Qualification and programme of study
Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health (DCH)
The DCH is suitable for resident medical officers doing a MINIMUM of a six-month paediatric attachment in an approved New Zealand hospital.

The required papers are:
CHHE 701 Community Child Health
CHHE 702 Clinical Attachment in Paediatrics

Other health professionals, including GPs, child health nurses, physiotherapists and occupational therapists who wish to improve their knowledge of community child health may be eligible to enrol for CHHE 701 on its own.

Further information
Department of Paediatrics and Child Health School of Medicine
University of Otago, Newtown
Wellington 6242
PO Box 7343
Email  uow.dchadministrator@otago.ac.nz
Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy

Both Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy papers are designed for health professionals who wish to extend their existing skills and understanding of those with common mental health disorders, anxiety, depression, substance abuse and psychotic disorders.

Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy is available as an endorsement for:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) (prerequisite paper for COBE 404)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc)

Both programmes are taught through the University of Otago, Wellington.

COBE 401 Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
COBE 404 Advanced Topics in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

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

Our CBT Certificate course is a prerequisite paper to the CBT Diploma level paper. It establishes a firm practical and theoretical knowledge base, showing how CBT is used as a framework for assessing and gaining understanding of a patient’s psychological distress, and then formulating and implementing an intervention based on that conceptualisation.

It also covers applications of CBT to common mental disorders, including anxiety disorders, depression, substance use disorders and the use of CBT with psychotic disorders. There is a strong emphasis on culturally responsive CBT with input from speakers with expertise from within and beyond the University.

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

The diploma course builds on the CBT certificate-level training to ensure mental health and addiction practitioners extend their existing CBT assessment, conceptualisation and treatment skills for a broad range of complex presentations, including:

- obsessive compulsive disorder
- post-traumatic stress disorder
- bipolar disorder

- severe and comorbid mental health and drug problems
- personality disorders
- suicidal behaviour
- insomnia and emotional regulation
- addiction.

The following paper is unavailable in 2024:

COBE 404 Advanced Topics in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

Further information
Contact our CBT administration team at the Department of Psychological Medicine
Email cbt.ouw@otago.ac.nz

Contidence Management

Contidence Management is available as an endorsement for the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc). This distance learning programme, offered through the University of Otago, Christchurch, runs sequentially in semesters 1 and 2. It is aimed at nurses, physiotherapists and those doctors wishing to improve their understanding of contidence problems and how they can best be alleviated.

Teaching is via two four-day block courses in Christchurch for each of the two papers, plus occasional audioconferences. Assessment is by assignments and performance at the block courses.

Papers in contidence management can be put together with others as part of the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) or the Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) degree.

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Contidence Management

The papers required for the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (endorsed in Contidence Management) are:

- CTMG 401 Pathophysiology of Incontinence
- CTMG 402 Management for Contidence

The following papers are unavailable in 2024:

- CTMG 401 Pathophysiology of Incontinence
- CTMG 401 Management for Contidence

Further information
Email postgrad.ouc@otago.ac.nz

Forensic Mental Health

Courses in forensic mental health are intended for health professionals who have experience working with people with mental health problems who are involved with the criminal justice system. This includes health professionals in specialist mental health services (including regional forensic services) and staff working in justice and correctional settings. The programme focuses on the New Zealand jurisdiction and is expected to attract students from throughout New Zealand.

Qualification and programme of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Forensic Mental Health
This programme consists of:

- PSME 407 Forensic Psychiatry, in conjunction with one of the following papers:
  - PSME 401 Nature, Extent and Assessment of Mental Disorders
  - NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice
  - PSME 404 Addiction Assessment
  - PSME 439/NURS 433 Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice

The two papers in the PGCertHealSc can be completed in either order.

PSME 407 can also be taken as part of a 120-point Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Mental Health.

PSME 407 is taught via two two-day in-person block courses in Christchurch and two two-day remote courses taught via videoconference. Teaching is supplemented by extensive online course materials.

External funding may be available to support students enrolling for the (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Forensic Mental Health.

Further information
Email psychmed.uoc@otago.ac.nz
**General Practice**

**Qualifications and programmes of study**

Postgraduate Certificate in General Practice (PGCertGP)

Postgraduate Diploma in General Practice (PGDipGP)

The core content of these qualifications is GENA 820 Nature of Medical Practice, plus additional approved papers to a total value of 60 points for the postgraduate certificate or 120 points for the postgraduate diploma.

GENA 820 Nature of Medical Practice, and approved papers to the total of 120 points from:

GENA 708 Supervised Research Project

GENA 821 Research Methods

GENA 822 Advanced Nature of General Practice

GENA 823 Teaching and Learning in Medical Practice

GENA 824 Ethics in General Practice

All papers are distance-taught and qualifications may be taken on a part-time basis. The programme of study includes web conferences and whole-day teaching; one paper is taken each semester or each year on a part-time basis, usually over three to five years. When the required papers are completed and a Postgraduate Diploma in General Practice awarded, students may complete a master's degree with either a research thesis or an approved paper and research portfolio.

Papers are taught by staff from either the Dunedin or Wellington campus. Each paper states the campus from which it is taught. In summary: GENA 702–715 and GENA 719–720; GENA 731–737; and HASC 417 and PHRC 701–702 are taught from Wellington. GENA 724–730 and GENA 820–826 are taught from Dunedin.

The distance papers taught from Wellington in this section are also available for qualifications in Primary Health Care (later in this prospectus) and are open to health professionals working mainly in the primary sector. The papers taught from Dunedin are open to medical practitioners, and to non-medically qualified applicants on a case-by-case basis. All papers are distance-taught and qualifications may be taken on a part-time basis.

**Further information**

Wellington papers

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Dunedin School of Medicine

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**Genomic Health and Medicine**

Genomics is driving a revolutionary shift in healthcare. It takes understanding of personalised human health to another level, where technology is being utilised to understand how a person's molecular makeup can be deciphered and understood to improve their health and clinical outcome.

And interest is growing, we routinely encounter genomics terms in the media – PCR tests, direct-to-consumer DNA tests, epigenomics, genome sequencing, mRNA vaccines, targeted cancer treatments, gene editing and more. Do you know what these terms mean? Are you interested in how they could impact your health and that of your community? Or how genomic data can be integrated into clinical practice?

The world is changing rapidly. Join us in learning how these new technologies can impact and improve the lives of New Zealanders, and about some of the computational methods that make this possible.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences endorsed in Genomic Health and Medicine offers the first opportunity in Aotearoa New Zealand to complete a postgraduate qualification in the emerging field of genomics.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences endorsed in Genomic Health and Medicine is a 60-point qualification and requires completion of four core papers:

GEHM 701 Introduction to Genomics in Health and Medicine

GEHM 702 Genomic Medicine – Case Based Learning

GEHM 703 Application of Genomic Health and Medicine in Practice or Research

BINF 701 Introduction to Clinical Bioinformatics for Interpreting Genomic and Epigenomic Data

**Further information**

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**Hazard Assessment and Management**

With more legislation and stricter standards in New Zealand, there is a growing demand for people qualified to respond to society’s increasing focus on hazard assessment and management. Legislation such as the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 means there is a demand for personnel who are not only trained in the appropriate scientific principles and practices, but also have a reliable knowledge of the legislative requirements.

The HAZA papers are web-based and use the University’s learning management system Blackboard, requiring students to have internet access. Some papers have workshop components requiring students to come to Dunedin.
Qualifications in health management are designed to facilitate the acquisition of skills in business management for health professionals who are, or who wish to become, involved in the strategic direction and general management of health-related organisations. Our programmes also provide managers from other sectors, who may have good business skills but limited experience in the health sector, the opportunity to gain greater knowledge and understanding of the specific issues and challenges in the health system.

Papers may be studied for credit towards
the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management (PGDipHealMgt), and/or a Master of Health Science endorsed in Health Management degree. Not all PUBH papers are available by distance. The qualifications cannot be completed entirely online.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management (PGDipHealMgt)
The PGDipHealMgt is a programme of study that draws equally on public health and business administration. Participants study health systems, policy and health economics in the public health programme and a suite of recommended papers in business. The diploma consists of four public health papers and four business administration papers to the value of 120 points. Candidates for the PGDipHealMgt are required to hold a degree, have appropriate professional qualifications and at least two years’ professional work experience.

The public health papers are taught by the University’s three medical schools. A selection of six papers that are relevant to health management are available. The business administration papers are taught by the University’s Executive MBA programme. The PGDipHealMgt is taught using a mixture of internal (on-campus) and distance (online) papers.

Please note: Students who wish to continue to the Master of Health Sciences must have completed relevant approved research methods paper/s to the value of 30 points prior to being admitted to the MHealSc. Discuss this with the postgraduate course director before enrolling.

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Health Management
The MHealSc endorsed in Health Management offers an advanced qualification in health management, which includes a research component of either a supervised thesis or dissertation. It is suitable for students who wish to pursue a higher-level career in health management and it will provide evidence of in-depth, independent investigation into topics selected by students.

Candidates for the degree of MHealSc endorsed in Health Management will have completed the PGDipHealMgt or an equivalent qualification at an acceptable level of attainment.

The course of study will consist of 120 points, comprised of either: a thesis to the value of 120 points; or papers, including PUBH papers not already completed, to the value of 60 points and a dissertation to the value of 60 points.

Distance papers that can be included in the PGDipHealMgt and the MHealSc endorsed in Health Management are:
PUBH 742 International Health Systems
The business administration papers are listed below. Further information about the Business Administration papers can be found on pages 29–30.

BMBA 501 Business Law
BMBA 502 Marketing
BMBA 503 Organisational Leadership
BMBA 505 Economics
BMBA 506 Human Resource Management
BMBA 507 Accounting
BMBA 508 Investment and Global Financial Markets
BMBA 510 Leading Sustainable Enterprises
BMBA 511 Operational Excellence
BMBA 512 International Business

Human Nutrition

These postgraduate programmes enhance the human nutrition knowledge and skills of health and education professionals. The Department of Human Nutrition has a reputation and proven track record in providing high-quality, tertiary-level human nutrition education.

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Human Nutrition
The certificate programme is designed to develop or update the nutrition knowledge of individuals currently working in the healthcare or education sector.

This programme consists of two 30-point distance-taught papers:
NUTN 401 Principles of Human Nutrition (compulsory) and one of
NUTN 402 Nutrition and Health Promotion
NUTN 404 Nutrition and Chronic Disease
NUTN 407 Advanced Sports Nutrition

The PGCertHealSc endorsed in Human Nutrition is available to those with a Health Sciences degree, a Bachelor of Science (BSc), a Bachelor of Physical Education (BPhEd), a Bachelor of Consumer and Applied Science (BCAppSc), a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAppSc) degree that includes biological sciences (or equivalent qualification), or an acceptable tertiary level qualification (e.g. nursing, pharmacy or physiotherapy). A background in nutrition is not required.
The PGCertHealSc (Human Nutrition) can be studied full-time or part-time, and is normally completed within one or two years of admission to the programme. Students successfully completing the PGCertHealSc endorsed in Human Nutrition are eligible to proceed to the PGDipHealSc endorsed in Human Nutrition.

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Human Nutrition

The diploma programme is designed to develop or update the nutrition knowledge of individuals currently working in the healthcare or education sector. It can be a part-time or full-time programme comprising four 30-point distance papers:

NUTN 401 Principles of Human Nutrition 
(compulsory)

and at least two of

NUTN 402 Nutrition and Health Promotion
NUTN 404 Nutrition and Chronic Disease
NUTN 407 Advanced Sports Nutrition

Up to 30 points may be selected from an approved list of papers on the Health Sciences schedule (e.g. AVME 785, CHHE 701, GENA 704 (note this is unavailable in 2024), GENA 731, HASC 404, HASC 417, PHCY 506, PSME 430) or other approved papers to constitute a coherent and integrated programme. Students in the main New Zealand centres may also select approved non-distance-taught postgraduate papers. The PGDipHealSc endorsed in Human Nutrition needs to be completed within four years of admission to the programme.

In order to proceed from the PGDipHealSc endorsed in Human Nutrition to a distance-taught master’s programme, students are required to have a B+ or better in 30-point research methods paper(s) and a B average or better in their other PGDipHealSc papers.

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Human Nutrition

May be undertaken either as a thesis option or a coursework option. Students interested in undertaking a MHealSc degree are advised to complete an approved 30-point research methods paper(s) as part of their PGDipHealSc (Nutrition). Students who have completed the PGDipHealSc first without the approved 30 points research methods paper(s) will normally be required to complete such a paper before commencing a research thesis or dissertation.

The thesis option consists of:

NUTN 401 Principles of Human Nutrition 
two of
NUTN 402 Nutrition and Health Promotion
NUTN 404 Nutrition and Chronic Disease
NUTN 407 Advanced Sports Nutrition

an approved research methods paper to the value of 30 points (e.g. HUNT 441 Research Methods) and a 120-point thesis.

The coursework option consists of:

NUTN 401 Principles of Human Nutrition 
two of
NUTN 402 Nutrition and Health Promotion
NUTN 404 Nutrition and Chronic Disease
NUTN 407 Advanced Sports Nutrition

an approved research methods paper to the value of 30 points

further approved papers (see above; may include the remaining NUTN paper) to the value of 60 points

and a 60-point research dissertation (e.g. NUTN 590 Dissertation)

The following paper is not available in 2024: HUNT 441 Research Methods

Further information
Department of Human Nutrition
Tel +64 3 479 7959
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Web otago.ac.nz/humannutrition

Medical Laboratory Science

The Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science (PGDipMLSc) is open to well-qualified BMLSc graduates, and other medical laboratory scientists who can demonstrate an interest and aptitude for research. The diploma is designed to prepare candidates for full-time research and thesis preparation for a Master of Medical Laboratory Science (MMLSc) degree, and thus includes a mix of coursework and basic, translational or clinical research. Both the diploma and the master’s degree may be taken part- or full-time. There are special requirements to be met, and candidates are advised to consult with their potential supervisor, and with the BMLSc Course Director as early as possible.

Papers required for the Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science (PGDipMLSc):

MELS 510 Advanced Medical Laboratory Practice
MELS 580 Research Project

Further information
Email postgraduate.mels@otago.ac.nz

Medical Technology

Medical technology provides training for the individual just starting or wishing to start work as a technologist in areas of cardiology, sleep medicine or respiratory medicine. The programmes provide a deep understanding of normal and abnormal physiological function, the technology used in clinical practice and commonly used therapeutic approaches.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Technology (PGCertMedTech)
A one-year, part-time programme comprising two papers:

MTEC 701 Biomedical Science for Medical Technicians
MTEC 702 Physiological Monitoring for Medical Technicians

This qualification gives the student a solid introduction to cardiovascular, respiratory and sleep physiology, and the basics of physiological monitoring. This programme has one three-day residential period in Wellington.
Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Technology (PGDipMedTech) endorsed in Cardiology
A two-year, part-time programme comprising four papers:
MTEC 701 Biomedical Science for Medical Technicians
MTEC 702 Physiological Monitoring for Medical Technicians
MTEC 703 Cardiovascular Science for Medical Technicians
MTEC 704 Cardiovascular Technology
This qualification gives the student an understanding of cardiovascular disease and the technology involved in current cardiology. This programme has one three-day residential period in Wellington and one three-day residential period in Auckland. Students will attend both.

Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Technology (PGDipMedTech) endorsed in Sleep Medicine
A two-year, part-time programme comprising four papers:
MTEC 701 Biomedical Science for Medical Technicians
MTEC 702 Physiological Monitoring for Medical Technicians
MTEC 705 Sleep Medicine
MTEC 706 Sleep Technology
This qualification gives the student an understanding of sleep disorders – particularly sleep disordered breathing – and the technology and therapy commonly used in sleep medicine. This programme has one residential period in Wellington.

Further information
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Web otago.ac.nz/courses/qualifications/pgcertmedtech

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Mental Health
The PGCertHealSc endorsed in Mental Health consists of:
PSME 401 Nature, Extent and Assessment of Mental Disorders
or
NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice
and one other approved 30-point 400-level PSME paper, excluding PSMX 401.
The two papers can also be taken as part of a 120-point Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Mental Health.

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Mental Health
The PGDipHealSc consists of papers to the value of 120 points, usually four 30 point papers from the PSME range.
The following papers are unavailable in 2024:
NURS 404 Advanced Mental Health Nursing Practice
PSME 424 Addiction Pharmacotherapy
PSME 428 Psycho-oncology
PSME 436 Principles of Family and Systems Therapy
PSME 437 Applied Systems Therapy
PSME 449 Introduction to Suicidology and Suicide Prevention

Further information
Email psychmed.uoc@otago.ac.nz

Musculoskeletal Management
Qualifications and programmes of study
Many allied health professionals such as chiropractors, nurses, occupational therapists, osteopaths, physiotherapists and massage therapists work exclusively with those experiencing musculoskeletal disease or disorders. The papers offered within this programme will help extend diagnostic and treatment skills for professionals working with these patients. They contribute towards the Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc and PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Musculoskeletal Management, or the Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) degree endorsed in Musculoskeletal Management. Please note the PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc and MHealSc (Musc Mgmt) are taught entirely by distance, there are no on-campus requirements.

MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management
This qualification consists of:
PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain
PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management and two of
MSME 702 Musculoskeletal Tissues
MSME 703 Musculoskeletal Disorders
MSME 705 Regional Disorders – Spine
MSME 706 Regional Disorders – Limbs
MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management
MSME 710 Recreational and Sports Injuries
PAIN 712 Pain Assessment

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Musculoskeletal Management
This qualification consists of:
MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management
PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain
PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management plus further approved papers to the value of 75 points from
MSME 702 Musculoskeletal Tissues
MSME 703 Musculoskeletal Disorders
MSME 705 Regional Disorders – Spine
MSME 706 Regional Disorders – Limbs
MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management
MSME 710 Recreational and Sports Injuries
PAIN 713 Neurobiology of Pain
PAIN 714 Biomedical Pain Management
PAIN 715 Psychosocial and Cultural Aspects of Pain
REHB 701 Rehabilitation Principles
Students hoping to advance to a master’s programme by thesis are advised to include an approved 30-point research methods paper in their diploma programme.

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Musculoskeletal Management
This qualification consists of:
PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain
PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management
MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management an approved 30-point research methods paper
45 points from further approved papers and either
a thesis (120 points)
or a coursework pathway made up of further approved papers to the value of 60 points and a dissertation (60 points) – total 240 points.

Further information
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Mental Health
Papers on the nature, assessment and interventions for mental disorders are offered by the Department of Psychological Medicine at the University of Otago, Christchurch. These papers are designed for health professionals already working in the mental health area. The majority of the papers are taught by multi-day block courses on the Christchurch campus.

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MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management
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Hamish Gunson
Postgraduate Certificate in Rehabilitation

“My career to this point has involved private practice musculoskeletal physiotherapy. I felt in order to best meet the needs of a new patient population it would pay for me to further my education in the field of rehabilitation. Otago offered papers that were relevant to my needs and also offered them through distance learning, which removed the requirement to travel.

“It’s great that I can complete all my study, readings, teleconferences and assignments from home! The Moodle platform, email, Otago’s library website and Zoom video conferences make online study very accessible and provide all the support you need. The tutors are easily contacted through email and are prompt and insightful with their answers to any questions. They really try to make the distance learning process simple. The help websites and videos for things like using referencing software (Mendeley) and performing literature searches are well put together, and have been invaluable in my studies.”

PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management
PAIN 712 Pain Assessment

Postgraduate Diploma in Musculoskeletal Medicine (PGDipMSM)
The PGDipMSM is for registered medical practitioners who wish to continue their education in musculoskeletal disorders, particularly those encountered in general practice. It is a two to four-year part-time course taught by a combination of on-campus and distance learning and consisting of:

Five compulsory papers:
MSME 701 Clinical Diagnosis (on-campus block course)
MSME 702 Musculoskeletal Tissues
MSME 703 Musculoskeletal Disorders
MSME 709 Clinical Therapeutics (on-campus block course)
PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain
and three additional papers from:
MSME 705 Regional Disorders – Spine
MSME 706 Regional Disorders – Limbs
MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management
MSME 710 Recreational and Sports Injuries
PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management
PAIN 712 Pain Assessment

The following papers are unavailable in 2024:
MSME 702 Musculoskeletal Tissues
MSME 703 Musculoskeletal Disorders
MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management
PAIN 714 Biomedical Pain Management

Further information
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Musculoskeletal Medicine
Qualifications and programmes of study
For medical graduates:
Musculoskeletal medicine deals with patients who have acute or chronic musculoskeletal disorders, including pain. Evidence from the Global Burden of Disease Study shows that musculoskeletal disorders account for the most years lived with disability, reducing quality of life and contributing to the negative health statistics of every country in the world. Along with an increasingly aging population in which painful chronic diseases such as osteoarthritis are highly prevalent, it is important for our health workforce to become skilled in diagnosing and treating musculoskeletal disorders.

Musculoskeletal medicine is based on biopsychosocial assessment and treatment, using evidence-based therapeutic skills including manual medicine, injection techniques, pharmacotherapy, functional restoration including exercise prescription, and by addressing psychosocial factors such as beliefs and stressors.

Postgraduate Certificate in Musculoskeletal Medicine (PGCertMSM)
Two compulsory papers:
MSME 701 Clinical Diagnosis (on-campus block course)
PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain
Plus two further approved papers from the following:
MSME 702 Musculoskeletal Tissues
MSME 703 Musculoskeletal Disorders
MSME 705 Regional Disorders – Spine
MSME 706 Regional Disorders – Limbs
MSME 707 Musculoskeletal Management
MSME 709 Clinical Therapeutics (on-campus block course)
MSME 710 Recreational and Sports Injuries

Neuropsychology
The Postgraduate Diploma in Neuropsychology (PGDipNeuropsych) is the first neuropsychology training programme of its type in New Zealand. It is vocational training for practising psychologists, designed to allow graduates to work as practising neuropsychologists.

The programme is offered on a part-time basis over two academic years and involves both academic and practice-based study. It has been developed with a specific focus on psychology practice in a New Zealand context, and with a strong commitment to building bicultural approaches with Māori.
Qualification requirements
The course requires:
NPSY 701 Foundations of Applied Neuropsychology
NPSY 702 Applied Neuroscience in Neuropsychology
NPSY 703 Neuropsychology of Acquired Brain Injuries and Stroke
NPSY 706 Clinical Practice in Neuropsychology
NPSY 707 Clinical Practice in Neuropsychology 2
And at least one of:
NPSY 704 Paediatric/Developmental Neuropsychology
NPSY 705 Neuropsychology of Aging and Degenerative Conditions
NPSY 701, NPSY 703 and NPSY 706 are to be completed in the first year of study, with NPSY 702 and 707 to be completed in the second year alongside at least one of the two optional papers.

Further information
Dr Paul Skirrow
Neuropsychology Course Director
Department of Psychological Medicine
University of Otago, Wellington
Email paul.skirrow@otago.ac.nz

Nursing
Registered nurses are offered the opportunity to advance their qualifications within their specialty area of practice. Studies are aligned with New Zealand and global health policy and strategies, contemporary health service delivery, technical and scientific advances and expanding levels of client engagement, and aim to strengthen the nursing profession and contribute to quality of life and the overall health of people and communities. Courses are both clinically and theoretically focused, and will provide registered nurses (RNs) with evidence-informed advanced knowledge and skills.

Eligibility for enrolment requires that the registered nurse:
- has registration as a nurse from a programme congruent with the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003
- holds a current practising certificate
- is currently working in a clinical setting (check individual paper requirements).

You are strongly advised to contact the Department of Nursing – Te Tari Tapuhi to discuss your programme of study.

Each paper consists of a range of learning and teaching strategies including:
- on-campus study blocks
- online and/or hybrid learning
- web conferencing
- email and telephone communication
- Moodle (online learning management system).

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed
The PGCertHealSc has a number of endorsement options that enable RNs to advance in a specific area of practice. Each endorsement consists of two 30-point papers, usually completed in one year of part-time study.

Requirements for the endorsements are:
Nursing (Advanced Clinical Nursing)
NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice and either
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 Practice

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

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

Nursing (Leadership and Management)
NURS 423 Nursing – Leadership and Management 1
NURS 424 Nursing – Leadership and Management 2

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

Nursing (Specialty Mental Health)
NURS 409 Mental Health Nursing Practicum and either
NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice or
NURS 433 Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed
Nursing (Nursing)
- two approved papers in Nursing,
- an approved research methods paper such as NURS 415 Nursing Research Methods to the value of 30 points, and
- another approved paper to the value of 30 points.

Nursing (Primary Health Care)
NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 413 Primary Health Care Nursing – Rural/Urban
- an approved research methods paper to the value of 30 points, and
- another approved paper to the value of 30 points.

Nursing (Rural Nursing)
NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
NURS 416 Nursing – Applied Pharmacology
NURS 431 Rural Nursing, and
- an approved research methods paper to the value of 30 points at 400-level or above.

The Department of Nursing – Te Tari Tapuhi offers two infection prevention and control papers. They can be taken as a Certificate of Proficiency and brought into a PGDipHealSc or Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) qualification.

NURS 471 Special Topic: Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control
NURS 472 Special Topic: Infection Prevention and Control in Practice

For the above papers (NURS 471 and NURS 472) students should hold a health qualification and/or professional registration congruent with the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act (2003).

Other papers which can be included in the PGDip or Masters pathway:
NURS 418 Nursing Education - Principles and Practice
NURS 433/PSME 439 Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (with no endorsement)
Registered nurses who are studying to become an RN Designated Prescriber undertake the following approved papers in this programme of study:
Further information

Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology

Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology postgraduate programmes are competitive entry and require departmental permission. Papers may be studied individually or for credit towards a postgraduate qualification.

Qualifications and programmes of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Pregnancy and Medical Gynaecology (PGCertPMG)
The PGCertPMG is ideally suited for General Practitioners (GPs), junior doctors, nurses, midwives and women's health professionals with an interest in women's health and wellbeing. It is designed to assist medical practitioners and women's health professionals progress their careers by increasing their fundamental knowledge and core practical skills relevant to women's reproductive health and wellbeing.

The certificate is particularly suitable for women's health professionals wanting to improve the standard of women's healthcare in the community.

The 120-point PGDipOMG requires completion of seven papers, comprising four distance-taught papers and two residential papers, to be completed over a minimum of 12 months, plus a clinical training paper.

The four distance taught papers are worth 15 points each and consist of six two-hour long videoconferences over 12 weeks. Each paper is assessed by topic-based assignments.

The two residential papers are worth 15 points each and consist of independent learning with a literature review, a three-day residential component and a reflective assignment.

For Mental Health papers: NURS 403, 404 and 409:
Email psychmed.uoc@otago.ac.nz

Obstetrics and Gynaecology Residential Course 1

Postgraduate Diploma in Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology (PGDipOMG)
The PGDipOMG is aimed at registered medical practitioners who provide healthcare for women of all ages. The diploma is designed to assist doctors progress their careers by providing a comprehensive practice-based education in obstetrics and gynaecology.

It is particularly suitable for general practitioners, General Practice Education Programme (GPEP) trainees, and doctors considering a career in obstetrics and gynaecology or sexual and reproductive health and wanting to improve the standard of women's healthcare in the community.

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For Mental Health papers: NURS 403, 404 and 409:
Email psychmed.uoc@otago.ac.nz

Further information

Distance Learning Co-ordinator
Dunedin School of Medicine
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Email wch.distancelearning@otago.ac.nz
Occupational Health and Safety

The Department of Preventive and Social Medicine offers two papers in occupational health and safety, which provide training to health professionals, health science graduates and other graduates working in, or intending to work in, this challenging field. For more than 40 years, the Department has trained doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, case managers, health and safety managers, and many other professional groups. The course has sound conceptual foundations informed by our active involvement in occupational health research. This is complemented by a strongly workplace-centred approach to teaching which puts the evidence base into practice. Our graduates embrace curiosity in the discipline by looking at the workplace and working people from as many perspectives as possible: they challenge assumptions and are advocates for a healthy and safe workplace.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Occupational Health
The PGCertHealSc endorsed in Occupational Health consists of two compulsory papers:
OCCH 401 Occupational Health
OCCH 402 Occupational Safety

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Occupational Health
The PGDipHealSc endorsed in Occupational Health consists of:
OCCH 401 Occupational Health
OCCH 402 Occupational Safety
an approved research methods paper or papers to the value of 30 points, and one other paper to the value of 30 points (120 points required in total).

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Occupational Health
The MHealSc endorsed in Occupational Health builds on the Postgraduate Diploma, and consists of either a thesis, or a further 60 points of papers and a dissertation (60 points).

Further information
Postgraduate Administrator
Department of Preventive and Social Medicine
Dunedin School of Medicine
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Email occupational.health@otago.ac.nz

Occupational Medicine

(see Aviation Medicine)

Ophthalmology

The Department of Medicine offers a diploma for medical graduates with at least two years’ clinical experience. This diploma is designed for clinicians who want to embark on a career in ophthalmology or are in a recognised training programme and wish to enhance their understanding of the ophthalmic basic sciences. This diploma is a prerequisite for the Master of Ophthalmology (MOphth) research degree.

Qualification and programme of study
Postgraduate Diploma in Ophthalmic Basic Sciences (PGDipOphthBS)
The PGDipOphthBS is designed for medical graduates wanting to develop their specialisation in ophthalmology. Teaching is based on the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists’ curriculum, which has been extended to include clinical correlations where appropriate. This programme, taught in conjunction with the University of Sydney, consists of four 30-point papers, which can be taken full-time over a year or part-time up to five years.

This diploma is offered as a distance learning course, with live web conferences held in the evening to suit working professionals, and a two-week practical course held in Dunedin (OPHT 804). The programme consists of four 30-point papers, and most candidates complete the diploma in two years of part-time study while continuing their professional careers.

The papers required for the qualification are:
OPHT 801 Ophthalmic Anatomy
OPHT 802 Ophthalmic Physiology
OPHT 803 Ophthalmic Optics
OPHT 804 Practical Ophthalmic Basic Sciences

Further information
Administrator
Postgraduate Diploma in Ophthalmic Basic Sciences
Dunedin School of Medicine
Tel 0800 808 098
Email postgradadmin.medicine@otago.ac.nz

Oral Health

Qualification and programme of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Adult Restorative Dental Care
This qualification consists of DEOH 401 Adult Restorative Dental Care. Students must complete DEOH 201 as a prerequisite to DEOH 401 but may be exempted depending on previous education or experience.

Master of Oral Health (MOH)
The Master of Oral Health (MOH) is a one-year, full-time (on-campus), or two-year, part-time (distance) 180 point taught master’s programme (DEOH 501, 502 and 580/581) which advances knowledge and skills in the scope of oral health therapy practice.

The Master of Oral Health provides an opportunity for Bachelor of Oral Health graduates, or graduates of another approved oral health qualification, and registered in the scopes of oral health therapy or dental therapy and/or dental hygiene, to develop advanced theoretical, clinical and research skills.

The qualification consists of:
DEOH 501 Advanced Principles of Oral Health I
DEOH 502 Advanced Principles of Oral Health II
DEOH 580/581 Research Dissertation

This qualification will provide a stepping stone to a PhD and a pathway to an academic career in oral health or to an advanced clinical career, but does not lead to registration in the oral health therapy, dental therapy or dental hygiene scopes of practice. For part-time candidates, the majority of the clinical experience will be practice-based, remote from Dunedin.

Further information
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Faculty of Dentistry
University of Otago
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Web otago.ac.nz/dentistry/postgraduate/oral-health/moh

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Pain and Pain Management

Pain is the most common reason for people to seek healthcare. What is known about pain and managing pain has expanded considerably over the past 10 years. Most undergraduate health professional training does not provide sufficient training in pain and pain management, leaving clinicians lacking confidence and skills to treat people seeking their help. The programmes available within this suite are endorsed by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP). The approach we take recognises that pain is a multidimensional experience consisting of social, psychological and biological factors, all of which must be considered in assessment, diagnosis and management. Given the complexity of all pain, an interprofessional approach is emphasised throughout our courses. This suite of programmes is offered to all health professionals who have completed at least a three-year undergraduate professional training programme.

Qualifications and programmes of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Pain and Pain Management
The PGCertHealSc endorsed in Pain and Pain Management consists of the following papers:
- PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain
- PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management
and one approved additional paper from the following recommended papers PAIN 712, 713, 714, 715, MSME 707, 710

It may be completed in one to two years.

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) endorsed in Pain and Pain Management
The PGDipHealSc endorsed in Pain and Pain Management consists of the following papers:
- PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain
- PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management
and three approved papers to the value of 45 points.

Students hoping to advance to a master’s programme by thesis are advised to include an approved 30-point research methods paper in their diploma programme.

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Pain and Pain Management
The MHealSc endorsed in Pain and Pain Management is for health professionals who wish to study pain and its management to master’s level. The programme is approximately four to six years, and consists of:
- PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain
- PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management
- PAIN 713 Neurobiology of Pain
- PAIN 714 Biomedical Pain Management
- PAIN 715 Psychosocial and Cultural Aspects of Pain
an approved 30 point research methods paper
one approved 15-point optional paper and
a thesis (120 points), or
a coursework pathway made up of further approved papers to the value of 60 points and a dissertation (60 points) – total 240 points.

The following paper is not available in 2024:
- PAIN 714 Biomedical Pain Management

Further information

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Musculoskeletal Medicine
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Web otago.ac.nz/msm-pain-management

Perinatal Mental Health

An introduction to perinatal psychiatry and infant mental health for mental health professionals who wish to develop their theoretical and applied knowledge in the area.

Qualification and programme of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) endorsed in Perinatal Mental Health
The papers required for this qualification are:
- PSME 432 Introduction to Perinatal Psychiatry
- PSME 433 Introduction to Infant Mental Health

Further information

Email psychmed.uoc@otago.ac.nz

Pharmacy

Pharmacy, whether practised in a hospital, community or primary care setting, is an evolving discipline focused on patient-centred care to deliver safe, effective, rational and economic use of medicines. Pharmacists are the health professionals tasked with providing expert and independent advice on medicine choice and usage. The postgraduate programmes in clinical pharmacy integrate clinical knowledge and skills to support students to achieve optimal health for their patients.

Most of the papers require attendance at weekend workshops. There are either one or two workshops per paper, to be held in Auckland or Dunedin. Workshop dates and venues are published on the School of Pharmacy web page:
otago.ac.nz/pharmacy/PPP

Qualifications and programmes of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Pharmacy (PGCertPharm) endorsed in Medicines Optimisation
The PGCertPharm introduces students to the fundamental skills and knowledge required for conducting medicines optimisation services including: patient work-up, laboratory investigations, understanding the patient and their view of health, communication and consultation skills, managing variability in drug response between people, goal setting, critical appraisal, decision-making and designing and communicating a patient-centred treatment plan.

The required papers for the PGCertPharm are:
- PHCY 510 Evidence-Based Practice
- PHCY 511 Patient-Centred Care

These papers can also count towards the PGDipClinPharm.

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
- PHCY 510 Evidence-Based Practice
- PHCY 511 Patient-Centred Care

Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy (PGDipClinPharm)
Candidates for the diploma must hold the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy, or have an equivalent qualification or experience acceptable to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Sciences) and be registered to practise as pharmacists in their country of residence. The diploma may be achieved by passing:
PHCY 510 and 511 (or equivalent papers from the previous certificate programme)
PHCY 520 Applied patient-centred care
PHCY 521 Elective topics in patient-centred care (this paper may be substituted for an approved paper).

Master of Clinical Pharmacy (MClPharm)
The MClPharm programme may be taken by students who have completed the PGDipClinPharm at an appropriate level. The master’s programme consists of an approved research methods paper and a research thesis (PHCY 5A). The research thesis can be started at any time of the academic year.

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Physiotherapy
The School of Physiotherapy offers distance learning papers towards the Postgraduate Certificate in Physiotherapy (PGCertPhty) endorsed in Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy, Neurorehabilitation, Occupational Health Physiotherapy and Sports Physiotherapy; and the Postgraduate Diploma in Physiotherapy (PGDipPhty) and Master of Physiotherapy (MPhty) endorsed in Neurorehabilitation, Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapy and Sports Physiotherapy.

Note: Not all of our papers are restricted to physiotherapists. For example, PHTY 610, 501, 539 and 650 can be completed by health professionals but not necessarily physiotherapists.

We also offer the opportunity for Masters of Physiotherapy (MPhty) by thesis, subject to the availability of supervisors. The following paper is not available in 2024:
PHTY 539 Occupational Health Physiotherapy

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Primary Health Care
Our distance-taught interprofessional education programme offers postgraduate qualifications to health and other professionals working in primary health, general practice and integrated care settings. This educational approach aligns with the World Health Organization acknowledging that inter-professional collaboration is key to mitigating risk associated with globally looming health workforce crises. The importance of an explicit team-based interdisciplinary approach to healthcare cannot be overstated: “[t]he days of the brilliant solo operator in medicine are gone ... the ability to be a team player is essential ... for the benefit of patients.” (Paterson R, Lessons from Complaints: Implications for Medical Education. New Zealand Medical Journal 2010; 123:6-11).

Programmes provide formal nationally recognised qualifications for primary and integrated healthcare workers and are open to students from a range of disciplines and qualifications.

Prospective students are encouraged to contact the department for course advice prior to application. All Primary Health Care papers include a compulsory residential.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Health Care (PGCertPHC)
Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Health Care (PGDipPHC) (unendorsed)
The PGCertPHC and PGDipPHC include the core papers PRHC 701 and PRHC 703, and a selection of other interprofessional papers.
The certificate requires 60 points: PRHC 701 and 703.
The diploma requires 120 points: PRHC 701 and 703, and two other electives worth 30 points each.

Master of Primary Health Care (MPHC)
The MPH degree provides an appropriate advanced interprofessional qualification for students who have completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Health Care, including an approved research methods paper(s).

Following completion of the PGDipPHC, a 120-point thesis, or a 120-point portfolio, or a 90-point portfolio plus a 30-point research methods paper, if not previously completed, can be undertaken. Graduates have an advanced understanding of the nature and practice of primary healthcare, advanced clinical training in personally selected areas of practice, experience in working with other health professionals involved in primary healthcare, and the ability to set up and carry out relevant research independently.

Students are provided with additional study support via online access to resources and videoconferencing throughout the semester.

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
GENA 702 Sexual and Reproductive Health
GENA 704 Te Tūhauora: Māori Health
GENA 737 Obesity Prevention and Management
PRHC 701 New Zealand Primary Health Care
PRHC 703 Strategy and Leadership in Primary Health Care

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Public Health
The Public Health qualifications were established to develop the theory, knowledge and skills needed to prepare students from a broad variety of backgrounds to work in public health and related fields. Papers may be studied for credit towards the Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (PGCertPH), Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (DPH), and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree.

The intent is to foster in graduates the ability to critically assess the nature, magnitude and causes of public health problems and the evidence surrounding interventions from a range of perspectives. This approach reflects the multifaceted nature of the discipline.

Candidates for the PGCertPH and the DPH are required to hold a degree and/or have appropriate professional qualifications and experience.

Not all PUBH papers are available by distance. The qualifications cannot be completed entirely online. Please see the list of papers at the end of this section for PUBH papers available by distance.
Qualifications and programmes of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (PGCertPH)
The PGCertPH provides a University qualification focused on a specific area of public health. It is ideal for public health workers wanting to extend their knowledge and skills, as well as students who wish to obtain a postgraduate qualification in public health, but do not wish to undertake a diploma or master’s degree. The certificate comprises four Public Health papers to the value of 60 points. All PGCertPH must be completed with an endorsement. The following distance learning papers can be credited to one of the endorsed options:

- PUBH 725 Applied Biostatistics 1 – Fundamentals
- PUBH 726 Applied Biostatistics 2 – Regression Methods*
- PUBH 734 Health Protection
- PUBH 737 Public Health Law and Public Health Ethics – Fundamentals
- PUBH 738 Global Health Law and Global Health Ethics
- PUBH 742 Global Health and International Health Systems*
- PUBH 745 Introduction to Pacific Public Health

*has paper pre-requisites

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Radt 401 Applied Radiation Therapy Advanced Practice
Required papers:
- RADT 401 Applied Radiation Therapy Advanced Practice

Radiation Therapy

Qualification and programme of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc) in Radiation Therapy Advanced Practice

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Rehabilitation

The Rehabilitation Teaching and Research Unit (RTRU) promotes best practice in rehabilitation. Its postgraduate programmes provide clinically-oriented academic training in rehabilitation for a wide range of health and related professions. The emphasis is on acquiring skills you can apply in practice and theoretical knowledge from an evidence-based clinical practice.

Required papers:
- RADT 401 Applied Radiation Therapy Advanced Practice

Approaches to improving patient centred care during radiation therapy:
- Development, implementation and evaluation of patient-centred and whānau-centred care models.
- Use of patient reported outcome measures to assess patient centred care in radiation therapy.
- How to implement, evaluate and respond to patient-reported outcome measures.

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based perspective. You will become more effective in dealing with rehabilitation problems in clinical practice as well as widening your perspective on the application of rehabilitation in interprofessional teams. Critical appraisal skills are taught as part of the programme and you will be supported in developing your postgraduate study to master’s or PhD level.

Students are required to have internet access as discussion groups and reading material are available online on a web-based teaching resource that is used extensively in most papers.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Rehabilitation (PGCertRehab)
The PGCertRehab comprises the core paper REHB 701, plus one other REHB paper and is taught using a combination of videoconferences, readings and assignments, plus a residential seminar involving lectures, problem-solving sessions and workshops in Wellington each semester.

Postgraduate Diploma in Rehabilitation (PGDipRehab)
The PGDipRehab consists of:
REHB 701 Rehabilitation Principles
two further REHB papers (HASC 701 may also be used in place of one REHB paper)
further approved papers to the value of 30 points from the Schedule of Papers available for the Degree of Master of Health Sciences.
Classes are taught by a combination of videoconference (Zoom), readings and assignments, and a residential seminar involving lectures, problem-solving sessions and workshops in Wellington each semester. The pathway to a masters includes one approved research methods paper instead of one of the two optional REHB/HASC 701 papers.

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc) unendorsed
We welcome students who wish to complete a PGDipHealSc comprising an integrated and coherent programme of study including papers from elsewhere in Health Sciences alongside REHB paper(s). Please contact the Rehabilitation Teaching and Research Unit for appropriate course advice before applying.

Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) endorsed in Rehabilitation
The MHealSc endorsed in Rehabilitation is available for students seeking training in rehabilitation research.

PhD
Enquiries from students wishing to complete a PhD through research in rehabilitation are welcomed.
The following papers are not available in 2024:
HASC 401 Special Topic: Genomic Health and Medicine
REHB 703 Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation
REHB 707 Rehabilitation for the Older Adult
REHB 710 Personal and Psychological Factors in Rehabilitation

Further information
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Rural and Provincial Hospital Practice
Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Rural and Provincial Hospital Practice (PGCertRPHP)
Postgraduate Diploma in Rural and Provincial Hospital Practice (PGDipRPHP)
The PGCertRPHP and PGDipRPHP are for generalist doctors who work in rural or small provincial hospitals in New Zealand. They provide rural doctors, including rural hospital doctors, GPs and registrars, an opportunity to undertake further tertiary study without living in an urban centre.
The PGCertRPHP is worth 60 points, selected from the core papers. No paper is compulsory. The core papers are:
GENA 723 Trauma and Emergencies in Rural Settings
GENA 724 The Context of Rural Healthcare
GENA 725 Reflections in Rural Clinical Practice
GENA 726 Obstetrics and Paediatrics in Rural Settings
GENA 727 Surgical Specialties in Rural Settings

GENA 728 Cardiorespiratory Medicine in Rural Settings
GENA 729 Medical Specialties in Rural Settings

The PGDipRPHP is part of the rural hospital medicine (RHM) registrar training programme, but many of the participants are experienced rural doctors. The diploma counts towards RNZCGP/DRH MNZ CPD programme re-accreditation points and can be completed in two years part-time, though it is advisable to complete it over a longer period. The diploma requires a total of 120 points, consisting of GENA 724 and papers worth at least 60 points from the core papers in the schedule. Approved elective papers (listed below) may be substituted to a maximum of 45 points.

Elective papers:
GENA 702 Sexual and Reproductive Health
GENA 704 Te Tūhauora: Māori Health
GENA 708 Supervised Research Project
GENA 713 Travel Medicine 1: Introductory Concepts
GENA 717 Generalist Medical Echocardiography
GENA 718 Generalist Medical Ultrasound
GENA 719 Tropical Infectious Disease
GENA 821 Research Methods in Primary Health Care
GENA 822 Advanced Nature of General Practice
GENA 823 Teaching and Learning in Medical Practice
GENA 824 Ethics in General Practice
GENA 826 Special Topic
PRHC 701 New Zealand Primary Health Care
PRHC 703 Strategy and Leadership in Primary Health Care

The following papers are not offered in 2024:
GENA 702 Sexual and Reproductive Health
GENA 704 Te Tūhauora: Māori Health
GENA 821 Research Methods in Primary Health Care
GENA 823 Teaching and Learning in Medical Practice
GENA 824 Ethics in General Practice
GENA 826 Special Topic

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Sport and Exercise Medicine

Although many health professionals find that sport and exercise medicine forms a significant part of their work, most practitioners have minimal or no formal training in this specialisation at an undergraduate or postgraduate level. This programme reflects the multidisciplinary nature of sport and exercise medicine and offers training through the Dunedin School of Medicine, the Schools of Medicine and Health Sciences in Christchurch and Wellington, the Schools of Physical Education and Physiotherapy, and the Department of Human Nutrition.

All applications for admission to the programme must be approved by the academic co-ordinator prior to enrolment.

Qualification and programme of study
Postgraduate Diploma in Sport and Exercise Medicine (PGDipSEM)
The PGDipSEM is designed for healthcare practitioners wanting to develop their specialisation in sport and exercise medicine. The coursework is designed for graduates in medicine, physiotherapy, physical education, human nutrition, nursing, pharmacy and related sciences. This diploma is offered as a distance learning course, with live web conferences held in the evening to suit working professionals, and two residential workshops held in New Zealand.

The diploma requires the accumulation of 120 points within four years of study. Most candidates complete the diploma in two years of part-time study while continuing their professional careers.

There are two compulsory papers – SPME 701 and 711 – each with compulsory webinar components at the start of the semester. Candidates may choose their remaining 60 points from a selection of papers, allowing students to complete a postgraduate diploma with an emphasis on a specific area of expertise.

The remaining selection of papers are:
- PHTY 542 Sports Physiotherapy
- SPME 701 Issues in Sports Medicine
- SPME 702 Medical Aspects of Exercise
- SPME 703 Sports Nutrition
- SPME 705 Health and Human Performance B
- SPME 707 Regional Sports Injury 1
- SPME 708 Regional Sports Injury 2
- SPME 709 Women in Sport: Health Issues
- SPME 711 Exercise Prescription

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Travel Medicine

The Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in Travel Medicine (PGCertTravMed and PGDipTravMed) provide advanced, formal, nationally recognised qualifications for health professionals who practise travel medicine. Because of the increasing complexity of international travel, there is a need for more health practitioners working in general practice to have special skills in this area.

The programmes are open to those with a wide variety of backgrounds and qualifications. Because of the numbers wishing to study the Travel Medicine qualifications, admission is subject to an application process, and through approval by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Sciences).

Students can complete the Postgraduate Diploma of Travel Medicine in one year of full-time study or up to five years of part-time study. All Travel Medicine papers include one residential period for which attendance is compulsory.

Qualifications and programmes of study
Postgraduate Certificate in Travel Medicine (PGCertTravMed)
The certificate requires papers worth 60 points:
- GENA 713 Travel Medicine 1: Introductory Concepts
- GENA 714 Travel Medicine 2: Applied Concepts
- GENA 717 Tropical Infectious Disease

Postgraduate Diploma in Travel Medicine (PGDipTravMed)
The diploma requires papers worth 120 points:
- GENA 713 Travel Medicine 1: Introductory Concepts
- GENA 714 Travel Medicine 2: Applied Concepts
- GENA 719 Tropical Infectious Disease

Other papers may be approved by the Board of Studies for Primary Health Care.

Master of Travel Medicine (MTravMed)
The Master of Travel Medicine (MTravMed) provides an advanced interprofessional qualification for health professionals in travel medicine. Entry to the programme is normally on the basis of successful completion of a Postgraduate Diploma in Travel Medicine, including approved research methods points. Other postgraduate diplomas with equivalent travel medicine

The following papers are unavailable in 2024:
- SPME 702 Medical Aspects of Exercise
- SPME 705 Health and Human Performance B

Further information

Surgical Anatomy

Qualification and programme of study
Postgraduate Diploma in Surgical Anatomy (PGDipSurgAnat)
This is a one-year programme providing instruction in clinically relevant anatomy to qualified medical practitioners. The diploma is targeted at Australasian doctors, preferably in the first three years of their postgraduate training, intending to pursue a career in surgery or radiology. The diploma is supported and accredited by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. The programme consists of four taught papers and includes both distance learning and one week of intensive campus-based instruction with hands-on cadaver dissection for each paper. As places are limited, priority is given to those in their PGY 2–3 years.

The papers required for the PGDipSurgAnat are:
- SUAN 701 Upper Limb and Thorax
- SUAN 702 Lower Limb and Pelvis
- SUAN 703 Abdomen and Neck
- SUAN 704 Head, Spine, Neuroanatomy and Skin

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content may also, with approval, satisfy the entry requirements.

The MTravMed comprises a 120-point research thesis, or a 120-point portfolio, or a 90-point portfolio and a 30-point research methods paper. Graduates have an advanced understanding of healthcare needs and skills associated with international travel, migration and recreation, and an ability to formulate and conduct travel-related research independently.

Students will be provided with additional study support via online access to resources and videoconferencing throughout the semester.

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**Health Sciences papers available in 2024**

**AVME 711 Aviation Physiology**
30 points (semester 1)
Altitude physiology; vision in aviation; vestibular forms of disorientation; central and visual forms of disorientation; long duration acceleration; effects of microgravity; circadian/sleep physiology; thermal physiology; ageing and performance.
Limited to: PGCertCAvMed, PGDipAvMed, MHealSc, MAvMed, PGDipHealSc

**AVME 714 Clinical Aviation Medicine**
30 points (semester 2)
Aeromedical risk management; medication in flying; otolaryngology; ophthalmology; neurology and neurosurgery; psychiatry; respiratory medicine and aviation; cardiology; general medical conditions and fitness to fly.
Limited to: MAvMed, MHealSc, PGCertCAvMed, PGDipAvMed, PGDipHealSc

**AVME 719 Aeromedical Studies for Nurses and Paramedics**
30 points (semester 1)
The aviation environment; principles and theory of aeromedical care; air ambulance/aeromedical operations; risk management in aeromedical retrieval and transportation work; critical reflection.
Restriction: AVMX 719
Limited to: MAvMed, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

**AVME 720 Clinical Analysis in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport**
30 points (semester 2)
Critical analysis of an issue in flight nursing or aero/paramedical care; a personal programme of study based on critical evaluation of the student’s own clinical role and working environment.
Restriction: AVMX 720
Limited to: MAvMed, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

**AVME 721 Clinical Care in the Air**
30 points (semester 1)
Relating physiology, pathology and flight; general clinical concerns; cardiovascular patients; orthopaedic and trauma patients; burn patients; obstetric patients; aeromedical transport of children; miscellaneous conditions of concern; critical care in the air.
Limited to: MAvMed, MHealSc, PGDipAeroRT, PGDipHealSc

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**Lisa Scotland**
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRAVEL MEDICINE

“When I had my family, I opted to go into practice nursing as the hours were more suitable. It was then that I started attending travel medicine conferences and developed an interest in clinics. I wanted to expand my knowledge, so I went to an information evening about travel medicine at which the speaker talked about the Postgraduate Diploma in Travel Medicine, and I decided to give it a go.

“The course was perfect for me with a young family as a lot of it was online. I studied in the evenings and my days off. As I studied, I gained more confidence. I was well supported by the lecturers and my work colleagues, and if family life got in the way I was given options that made the process and commitments a lot easier.

“The online delivery of the programme was easy and the interaction during the residentials in Wellington were great. I enjoyed meeting others in the industry and networking, and the lectures were interactive and fun. Our class looked forward to catching up and I made some lifelong friends.”
AVME 722 Organisation of Aeromedical Systems
30 points (semester 2)
Establishing an aeromedical service; administration of an aeromedical service; standards, quality and quality control; international differences in approach; insurance and travel assistance; personnel selection and training; medico-legal issues; military AME; major incident response.
Limited to: MAvMed, MHealSc, PGDipAeroRT, PGDipHealSc

AVME 723 Managing Occupational Medicine
30 points (semester 1)
Disability assessment; workplace assessment; communication, consultation and negotiation; risk assessment and risk communication; funding and management of occupational health; occupational medicine and the law; research and medical informatics in occupational medicine; setting up and running an occupational medicine programme; quality assurance in occupational medicine.
Limited to: MOccMed, MAvMed, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc, PGDipOccMed

AVME 724 Health and Industry
30 points (semester 2)
Mining; nuclear power and other radiation work; agriculture and silviculture; chemical industries; international business; work in extreme environments and hazardous employment; petrochemical industries including oil and gas exploration; office work; general manufacturing and technical trades; environmental health.
Limited to: MOccMed, MAvMed, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc, PGDipOccMed

AVME 780 Research Project
30 points (semester 1 or semester 2)
A supervised research project of up to 10,000 words involving the development, implementation and reporting of an original topic in the student’s area of professional interest.
Restriction: AVMX 780
Limited to: MAvMed, MHealSc, PGDipAeroRT, PGDipAvMed, PGDipOccMed

AVME 785 Research Methods
30 points (semester 1)
Qualitative and quantitative research; designing research projects; ethical issues; survey methods; quantitative data analysis; statistics; types of data; data presentation; critical appraisal; research frameworks; comparison of methodologies.
Restriction: AVMX 785, AVME 885
Limited to: MAvMed, MHealSc, PGDipAeroRT, PGDipHealSc, PGDipOccMed, MHealSc, MTravMed, MGP

BINF 701 Introduction to Clinical Bioinformatics
15 points (semester 1)
An introduction to practical hands-on learning of computer literacy and programming skills needed in the clinical environment together with the theoretical background.

BITC 401 Theories of Biomedical Ethics
30 points (semester 1)
Key concepts in ethics such as autonomy, dignity, justice and duty. To elucidate the character of moral debate with respect to the health and wellbeing of people.
Restriction: BITC 401
Limited to: DipGrad, GDipBHL, MBHL, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc, PGCertHealSc
Notes: (i) Admission requires approval from the Director of the Bioethics Centre. (ii) There is one residential weekend held in Dunedin. (iii) Seminars and lectures for BITC 401 are AV linked. However the residential weekend is not. There is an expectation that all students attend the residential weekend.

BITC 403 Issues in Law, Ethics and Medicine
15 points (semester 1)
Current issues in bioethics and medical law with reference to theories about actual and desirable relationship of law, morals and the biomedical sciences.
Restriction: BITC 403
Pre- or co-requisite: (BITC 401 or BITX 401) and (LAWS 447 or LAWS 547 or LAWS 448 or LAWS 548)
Limited to: DipGrad, GDipBHL, MBHL, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc
Notes: (i) Students who have not passed the normal prerequisite may be admitted with approval from the Director of the Bioethics Centre. (ii) There is one residential weekend held in Dunedin. (iii) Seminars and lectures for BITC 403 are AV linked. However the residential weekend is not. There is an expectation that all students attend the residential weekend.

BITC 404 Ethics and Health Care
30 points (semester 2)
The ethical dimensions of major areas of contention and themes in healthcare and its provision such as beginning and end of life issues, resource allocation, animals and ethics, mental illness and ethics, new and emerging technologies, genetics and ethics.
Prerequisite: BITC 401 or BITX 401
Restriction: BITX 404
Limited to: DipGrad, GDipBHL, MBHL, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc

Note: Students who have not passed the normal prerequisite may be admitted with approval from the Director of the Bioethics Centre.

BITC 405 Bioethics in Clinical Practice
30 points (semester 2)
Ethical issues arising at the heart of clinical practice concerning matters such as obtaining consent, holding confidences, maintaining professional boundaries and managing multiple roles.
Restriction: BITC 402, BITX 405
Limited to: DipGrad, GDipBHL, MBHL, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc, PGCertHealSc
Notes: (i) Admission requires approval from the Director of the Bioethics Centre. (ii) There is one residential weekend held in Dunedin. (iii) Seminars and lectures for BITC 405 are AV linked. However the residential weekend is not. There is an expectation that all students attend the residential weekend.

BITC 406 Health Research Ethics
15 points (semester 1)
Basic ethical aspects of health research on humans: questions arising in research from conception, design and conduct, to dissemination of research results; the role and challenges of ethical review of research; Māori in research; and research in vulnerable populations.
Restriction: BITX 406
Limited to: DipGrad, GDipBHL, MBHL, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc, PGCertHealSc
Notes: Admission requires approval from the Director of the Bioethics Centre.

BITC 407 Advanced Health Research Ethics
15 points (semester 2)
Complex and controversial areas of research theory and practice, including the use of deception, research involving animals, longitudinal research, healthy volunteer research studies, genetic research.
Prerequisite: BITC 406 or BITX 406
Restriction: BITX 407
Limited to: DipGrad, GDipBHL, MBHL, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc
Notes: Students who have not passed the normal prerequisite may be admitted with approval from the Director of the Bioethics Centre.

CHHE 701 Community Child Health
30 points (5 February–30 June or 22 July–8 December)
Community aspects of child health and child health services.
Restriction: CHHX 701
Limited to: DCH, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc
Note: A compulsory paper for DCH; may also be taken by other approved health professionals.
CHHE 702 Clinical Attachment in Paediatrics
90 points (12 February–19 July 2024 or 29 July 2024–24 January 2025)
Develops clinical knowledge, skills and attitudes concerning paediatrics and child health to a postgraduate level appropriate for a general practitioner with a special interest in children. Topics covered include neonatal paediatrics and general paediatrics in inpatient and outpatient settings.

Restriction: CHHX 702
Limited to: DCH

Note: A compulsory paper for DCH; may also be taken by other approved medical graduates; every student must hold a current six-month clinical position in a medical paediatric department of an approved New Zealand hospital.

DEOH 201 Human Disease and Pharmacology
14 points (semester 1)
The basis of human disease and its management relevant to the practice of dental hygiene and dental therapy. Understanding of disease processes and their implications for oral health therapists.
Limited to: BOH, BOH, PGCertHealSc (Adult Restorative Dental Care)

Note: The distance occurrence of this paper is only available to students enrolled in the PGCertHealSc (Adult Restorative Dental Care) programme.

DEOH 401 Adult Restorative Dental Care
60 points (1 July 2024–20 June 2025)
The knowledge and competencies to enable registered and practising dental therapists and oral health therapists to provide restorative care to patients aged 18 years and older.

Note: Prerequisite may be waived for students with particular prior education or experience. Please contact university@otago.ac.nz for more information.

DEOH 501 Advanced Principles of Oral Health I
60 points (full year)
The development of an advanced level of knowledge, patient management, diagnostic and operative skills and social awareness within the scopes of dental hygiene and dental therapy practice.

Limited to: MOH

DEOH 502 Advanced Principles of Oral Health II
60 points (full year)
The development, implementation and evaluation of an oral health promotion project for a specific group.

Limited to: MOH

DEOH 580 Research Dissertation
60 points (full year)
Overview of research techniques. Preparation of research proposal, data collection and analysis, completion of research project and presentation of research dissertation.

Restriction: DEOH 581
Limited to: MOH

DEOH 581 Research Dissertation
30 points (full year)
A full-year paper representing half of DEOH 580 (taken by MOH students completing their dissertation over two years). Overview of research techniques. Preparation of research proposal, data collection and analysis, completion of research project and presentation of research dissertation.

Restriction: DEOH 580
Limited to: MOH

GEHM 701 Introduction to Genomics in Health and Medicine
15 points (semester 1)
Evidence-based introduction to genomic medicine exploring key concepts and contemporary ethical, legal, social and cultural considerations associated with equitable adoption into healthcare.

GEHM 702 Genomic Medicine – Case Based Learning
15 points (semester 2)
Looking at a range of complex issues surrounding genomic medicine using clinical scenarios and a problem-based learning approach.

GEHM 703 Application of Genomic Health and Medicine in Practice or Research
15 points (semester 2)
Critical assessment of implementation of genomic medicine to clinical practice in Aotearoa, practical big-data analysis and a mini research project.

GENA 708 Supervised Research Project
30 points (semester 1 or semester 2 or full year)
In approved circumstances, individual students can undertake a supervised research project after showing necessary competence in other papers. Supervision from either the Department of General Practice, Dunedin or the Department of Primary Health Care, Wellington.

Restriction: GENX 708
Limited to: PGCertGP, PGCertPHC, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP, PGDipTravMed

GENA 710 Mental Health and Illness in Primary Health Care
30 points (semester 1)
Recognition, assessment and management of common mental health disorders in primary care.

Restriction: GENX 710
Limited to: PGCertGP, MHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipGP, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC

Notes: (i) Includes residential period/s. (ii) Students must hold a recognised qualification as a health professional and be currently employed in a primary healthcare setting.

GENA 713 Travel Medicine 1: Introductory Concepts
30 points (semester 1)
An overview of travel medicine as a specialty area of practice covering the principles of preparing the intending traveller with a focus on prevention, and a detailed knowledge of vaccine preventable illness and travel vaccines.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper has a two-day compulsory block course delivered online via Zoom and/or in-person at the Wellington campus, dates TBC. Other teaching via Blackboard and Zoom videoconferencing.

Restriction: GENX 713, 715
Limited to: PGCertTravMed, PGDipTravMed, PGCertGP, PGDipGP, PGCertPHC, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP

Note: Includes residential period/s.

GENA 714 Travel Medicine 2: Applied Concepts
30 points (semester 2)
Specific clinical concerns of travellers with special needs and specific clinical contexts, applying the principles from Travel Medicine 1.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper has a two-day compulsory block course delivered online via Zoom and/or in-person at the Wellington campus, dates TBC. Other teaching, including regular evening sessions and one half-day session delivered via Blackboard and via Zoom.

Prerequisite: GENA 713 or GENX 713
Restriction: GENX 714, GENX 715
Limited to: PGCertTravMed, PGDipTravMed

Note: Includes residential period/s.

GENA 717 Generalist Medical Echocardiography
30 points (full year)
Principles of generalist-performed echocardiography, its application to medical diagnosis and management, especially in an emergency or rural setting, to more accurately diagnose and appropriately manage medical problems.

Please note the availability of some papers may have changed since this prospectus was printed. For up-to-date information, contact the department concerned or check otago.ac.nz/courses 53
Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (students are required to attend three three-day workshops during the year). The Antegrade Physics component is run as a separate distance learning paper. Please note that this is invoiced separately to your university fees.

Co-requisite: GENA 718
Restriction: GENX 717
Limited to: PGCertCPU, PGDipRPHP

Notes: (i) Prerequisite or co-requisite: Antegrade Ultrasound Solutions physics course. (ii) Includes three-three-day residential periods.

GENA 718 Generalist Medical Ultrasound 30 points (full year)
Principles of generalist-performed ultrasound, its application to medical diagnosis and management, especially in an emergency or rural setting, to more accurately diagnose and appropriately manage medical problems.

Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (students are required to attend three three-day workshops during the year). The Antegrade Physics component is run as a separate distance learning paper. Please note that this is invoiced separately to your university fees.

Restriction: GENX 718
Pre- or co-requisite: GENA 717 or GENX 717
Limited to: PGCertCPU, PGDipRPHP

Notes: (i) Prerequisite or co-requisite: Antegrade Ultrasound Solutions physics course. (ii) Includes three-three-day residential periods.

GENA 719 Tropical Infectious Disease 30 points (semester 1)
Overview of the key concepts of tropical infectious disease. Students will gain a good general understanding of tropical infectious diseases, their epidemiology, diagnosis and management.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper has a two-day compulsory block course delivered online via Zoom and/or in-person at the Wellington campus, dates TBC. Other teaching, including regular evening sessions and one half day session are delivered via Blackboard and Zoom.

Restriction: GENX 716
Limited to: PGCertGP, PGCertTravMed, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP, PGDipTravMed

Note: Includes residential period(s).

GENA 720 Refugee and Migrant Health 30 points (semester 2)
Health needs of refugee and migrant populations relevant to primary care practice. Health issues confronting health professionals working in developing countries.

Limited to: PGCertGP, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP, PGDipTravMed, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc

Note: Includes residential period(s).

GENA 723 Trauma and Emergencies in Rural Settings 30 points (semester 2)
The management of trauma, medical and surgical emergencies in the rural setting. Includes immediate, intermediate and continuing care for the injured or critically ill patient.

Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (students are required to attend an in-person residential/teaching day/block course).

Restriction: GENA 730, GENX 722
Limited to: PGCertRPHP, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP

Note: Includes one period of residential study.

GENA 724 The Context of Rural Healthcare 15 points (16 February–31 July)
The context of clinical care in rural hospitals in relation to the person and profession of the doctor, the hospital and the community.

Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (students are required to attend an in-person residential/teaching day/block course).

Restriction: GENX 721
Limited to: PGCertRPHP, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP

GENA 725 Reflections in Rural Clinical Practice 15 points (16 February–31 July)
Clinical skills, knowledge and values required in the rural hospital setting for psychiatry, palliative care, and communication with patients in New Zealand's bicultural and multicultural society.

Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (students are required to attend an in-person residential/teaching day/block course).

Restriction: GENX 723
Limited to: PGCertRPHP, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP

GENA 726 Obstetrics and Paediatrics in Rural Settings 15 points (semester 1 or 2)
The management of paediatrics, neonatal care, and obstetric and gynaecological emergencies in a rural hospital setting.

Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (students are required to attend an in-person residential/teaching day/block course).

Restriction: GENX 721 and GENX 722
Limited to: PGCertRPHP, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP

GENA 727 Surgical Specialties in Rural Settings 15 points (semester 2)
The management of common surgical problems appropriate to be managed in a rural hospital setting. Includes general surgery, urology, vascular surgery, ophthalmology and ENT.

Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (students are required to attend an in-person residential/teaching day/block course).

Restriction: GENX 722
Limited to: PGCertRPHP, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP

GENA 728 Cardiorespiratory Medicine in Rural Settings 30 points (1 February–31 July)
The management of cardiology and respiratory problems in a rural hospital setting. Includes acute coronary syndromes, arrhythmias, valvular heart problems, airways obstruction and respiratory infections.

Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (students are required to attend an in-person residential/teaching day/block course).

Restriction: GENX 721
Limited to: PGCertRPHP, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP

Note: Includes one period of residential study.

GENA 729 Medical Specialties in Rural Settings 15 points (1 July–30 November)
The management of acute and chronic common medical problems in a rural hospital setting. Includes gastroenterology, endocrinology, neurology, oncology, rheumatology, rehabilitation medicine and infectious diseases.
Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching (e.g., students are required to attend an in-person residential/teaching day/block course).

Restriction: GENX 721
Limited to: PGCertGP, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPH

Note: Includes one period of residential study.

GENA 820 Nature of Medical Practice
30 points (full year)
The philosophical basis of medical practice; doctors and their relationship in the delivery of medical care. Reflective practice and the incorporation of theory into day-to-day medical work.

Restriction: GENX 820
Limited to: PGCertGP, PGCertPHC, PGDipGP, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP, MHealSc

GENA 821 Research Methods in Primary Health Care
30 points (full year)
The principles of critical appraisal of health literature, and an introduction to research methodology, research design methods, data collection, research reporting and research ethics.

Restriction: GENX 821
Limited to: PGCertGP, PGCertPHC, PGDipGP, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP, MHealSc

GENA 824 Ethics in General Practice
15 points (semester 1)
Code of practice, medico-legal obligations and practical ethical conundrums in general practice.

Teaching and assessment note: This course is offered completely online.

Restriction: GENX 824
Limited to: PGCertGP, PGCertPHC, PGDipGP, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGDipRPHP, MHealSc

HASC 417 Health Sciences Research Methods
30 points (full year)
An introduction to research methods used in the health sciences, including biostatistical concepts essential to the design and analysis of a quantitative research project and a range of qualitative approaches to research.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper will cover both semesters (i.e., the standard full-year teaching period). It will employ face-to-face and distance learning through in-person and Zoom seminars and laboratory workshops, written resources to support student assignment work, and will utilise a University-supported online learning tool (Blackboard). Two residential periods are offered (three days in March and two days in June), with a third block held online in August/September. The in-person residencies are held on campus at the University of Otago, Wellington. If students are unable to travel to attend the in-person residencies, we can provide alternative options. If in-person residencies cannot be offered due to restrictions, we will run the residencies as online block-days. Students are strongly encouraged to attend all block courses and must attend a minimum of 80% of the block time to meet terms requirements for the paper (or undertake approved equivalent work if non-attendance is unavoidable, e.g., due to travel restrictions, family emergencies or for medical reasons).

Restriction: HASX 417
Limited to: MHealSc, MPHC, MTravMed, MGP, PGDipHealSc, PGCertGP, PGCertPHC, PGDipGP, PGDipPHC, PGDipTravMed, PGDipMLSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipRehab

Note: May be taken by other approved students.

HASC 590 Dissertation
60 points (full year)
A supervised dissertation of up to 20,000 words presenting the results of an original research project on a relevant topic in the student’s area of interest within health sciences.

Teaching and assessment note: See notes for HASC 417.
Limited to: MHealSc

HASC 817 Health Sciences Master’s Research Methods
30 points (full year)
Qualitative and quantitative research methodology and critical analysis for master’s level health sciences research. Project design and development; critical appraisal; theoretical perspectives; independent application and analysis of complex material.

Teaching and assessment note: See notes for HASC 417.
Limited to: MHealSc

Note: May be taken by other approved students.

Hunt 442 Applied Nutrition and Disease Management
20 points (semester 1)
Explores the management of nutrition-related illnesses using a case-based approach. Students will be guided to gather and interpret nutritional data, and develop nutrition care plans founded on evidence-based nutrition principles.

Teaching and assessment note: On-campus attendance for one of the assignments is recommended, but not compulsory.

HUNT 443 Practice in Public Health Nutrition
20 points (semester 1)
Students will apply public health nutrition knowledge, problem-solving, analytical, communication, and research skills creatively and collaboratively with peers and community partners to real-life or real-world public health projects.

Note: Students who have not passed HUNT 343 may be admitted with approval from the postgraduate co-ordinator or the Head of Department.

HUNT 444 Applications in Sport and Exercise Nutrition
20 points (semester 2)
Application of knowledge of sport and exercise nutrition to a real-world situation, providing practical skills for professions.

Teaching and assessment note: Please note that as part of the course, you will have the opportunity to complete an ISAK qualification in body composition assessment. To do this, you must be on-campus for the block-taught sessions, and will need to pay an additional nominal fee to be certified.

HUNT 452 Nutrition and Human Health
20 points (semester 2)
Lecture- and seminar-based paper that aims to develop an understanding of the role of nutrition in selected health problems, and to develop research-related writing, seminar presentation, and analytical and critical appraisal skills.

LAWS 512 Family Law
15 points (semester 1)
A critical examination of principles and global developments that underpin New Zealand’s family justice system, focusing on ways the law impacts children, young people, parents, caregivers and families/whānau.

Restriction: LAWS 311, LAWS 411, LAWS 511
Limited to: MBHL, PGDipBHL
LAWS 547 Law and Medicine  
15 points (semester 1)  
Legal aspects of ethical and other issues in medical practice and research, such as the status of the foetus, alternative methods of reproduction, informed consent, confidentiality, death and dying, and cadaveric transplantation  
Restriction: LAWS 447  
Limited to: MBHL, PGDipBHL

LAWS 548 Law and Psychiatry  
15 points (semester 2)  
A study of laws governing compulsory psychiatric treatment, particularly committal under the Mental Health Act and relations between the mental health and criminal justice systems.  
Restriction: LAWS 448  
Limited to: PGDipBHL, MBHL

MAOH 401 Hauora Māori Advanced Practice  
30 points (semester 2)  
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (unendorsed): PGDipHealSc  
Master in Health Sciences: MHealSc  
Note: May not be credited with HASC 418 completed in 2020.

MELS 510 Advanced Medical Laboratory Science Practice  
45 points (full year)  
Course work in a Medical Laboratory Science discipline at an advanced level with an emphasis on current areas of research and emerging diagnostic techniques and their application in managing disease.  
Limited to: PGBipMLSc

MSME 701 Biomedical Science for Medical Technicians  
30 points (full year)  
Cardiovascular physiology and pathophysiology, respiratory physiology and pathophysiology, the physiology of sleep, and respiratory and cardiovascular pharmacology.  
Restriction: MTEC 701  
Limited to: PGCertMedTech, PGDipMedTech

MSME 702 Physiological Monitoring for Medical Technicians  
30 points (full year)  
The principles of physiological monitoring of cardiovascular, respiratory and neurological status, imaging, and the interpretation of physiological data.  
Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching. Students are required to attend a three-day in-person residential course held at the Wellington Campus.  
Restriction: MTEC 702  
Limited to: PGCertMedTech, PGDipMedTech

MSME 703 Cardiovascular Science for Medical Technicians  
30 points (full year)  
The physiology of the cardiovascular system and changes in cardiovascular function in abnormal physiological and pathological conditions.  
Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching. Students are required to attend two three-day residential courses – one in Wellington and one in Auckland. The residential courses are compulsory.  
Prerequisite: MTEC 701 or MTEC 703  
Restriction: MTEC 703  
Limited to: PGDipMedTech

MSME 704 Cardiovascular Technology  
30 points (full year)  
An understanding of the principles underlying the measurement of cardiovascular function, the interpretation of cardiovascular data, and therapeutic use of advanced cardiology technology.  
This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching. Students are required to attend two three-day residential courses – one in Wellington and one in Auckland. The residential courses are compulsory.  
Prerequisite: MTEC 702 or MTEC 702  
Restriction: MTEC 704  
Limited to: PGDipMedTech

MTEC 705 Sleep Medicine  
30 points (full year)  
An understanding of normal sleep and factors that alter sleep and wakefulness, and pathophysiological sleep disorders.  
Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is a combination of remote and in-person teaching. This paper has a compulsory two-day residential course held at the Wellington Campus.  
Restriction: MTEC 705  
Limited to: PGDipMedTech

MTEC 706 Sleep Technology  
30 points (full year)  
An understanding of principles underlying the measurement of sleep and sleep-related disorders, and appropriate therapeutic interventions.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper features a combination of remote and in-person teaching. It has a compulsory two-day residential course held at the Wellington Campus.  
Prerequisite: MTEC 702 or MTEC 702  
Restriction: MTEC 706  
Limited to: PGDipMedTech

NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice  
30 points (semester 1)  
Provision of a theoretical basis for mental health nursing through the use of a problem-based learning approach, and the incorporation of critical social theory as a basis for reflection on mental health nursing practice.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes four two-day block courses held in Christchurch. Attendance at all block courses is compulsory.  
Restriction: NURS 403  
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc
NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice 30 points (semester 1 or 2)
Enables the registered nurse to demonstrate health assessment knowledge and skills to meet the competencies required for advancing nursing practice. A period of mentored practice will integrate physical, psychosocial assessment and pathophysiology in the nurse's specialty area.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes three study blocks – one three-day block, two two-day blocks. The examination is a one-day clinical examination (OSCE). Attendance at all study block courses and the exam is compulsory.
Restriction: NURS 405
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 409 Mental Health Nursing Practicum 30 points (semester 2)
Practicum offering clinical knowledge and skills for specialist mental health nursing and mental health care delivery. Critique of practice and application of research and theoretical principles to mental health nursing clinical practice.
Restriction: NURS 409
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc
Note: Limited to nurses with no more than six months clinical experience in a mental health specialty.

NURS 411 Nursing – High Acuity 30 points (semester 2)
Professional skills and knowledge related to clinical competence in areas such as high dependency, critical care and emergency nursing.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes three two-day study blocks and additional online and self-directed study.
Restriction: NURS 411
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 413 Primary Health Care Nursing – Rural/Urban 30 points (semester 2)
This paper addresses specialist knowledge, problem-solving skills and technical competence in the area of primary healthcare nursing. It involves critique of practice and the application of research and theoretical principles to attain best practice standards. Students determine their focus as rural or urban, studying their own scope of practice.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes six online study days.
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 415 Nursing Research Methods 30 points (semester 1)
An advanced research methods paper designed to provide students with a working knowledge of a range of methods and analyses used in the field of nursing research. Content will include both qualitative and quantitative methodologies and address research ethics.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes three two-day study blocks.
Restriction: NURS 415
Limited to: MHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 416 Nursing – Applied Pharmacology 30 points (semester 2)
Covers bioscience and pharmacology informing registered nurse practice. Provides registered nurses with legal, ethical, prescribing and drug administration frameworks as described by the Nursing Council of New Zealand.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes three two-day study blocks and an exam day.
Restriction: NURS 416
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 418 Nursing Education – Principles and Practice 30 points (semester 2)
Addresses the principles of education theory and practice related to clinical and nursing education settings. Pedagogical approaches are introduced and the socio-political foundations for nursing education are evaluated.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes one three-day study block and one two-day study block (two study blocks in total).
Restriction: NURS 418
Limited to: MHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 423 Nursing – Leadership and Management 1 30 points (semester 1)
An introduction to contemporary theories of leadership and management as integrated into the discipline of nursing, including the changing healthcare environment, the tasks of nursing management, the process of nursing leadership, and cultural safety and nursing leadership in New Zealand.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two two-day study blocks and two online study days.
Restriction: NURS 423
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 424 Nursing – Leadership and Management 2 30 points (semester 2)
The application of theoretical knowledge, using cases to examine quality in the healthcare environment, strategic management for the nurse leader and the process of nursing leadership.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two two-day study blocks and two online study days.
Prerequisite: NURS 423 or NURS 424
Restriction: NURS 424
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 426 Nursing – Gerontology 30 points (semester 2)
An applied practicum in the core knowledge of gerontology nursing allied with a specialty practice focus in hospital, community and/or home nursing, facilitating advanced nursing practice.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two three-day study blocks and one two-day study block.
Restriction: HASC 404, HASX 404, NURS 426
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 427 Long-Term Conditions: Pathophysiology and Management 30 points (semester 1)
Principles of effective long-term condition management, including pathophysiological concepts, for assessing the impact of chronic conditions and application with best practice clinical guidelines. Early detection, practice-based resources, patient self-management and end-of-life care are addressed.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes three two-day study blocks.
Restriction: NURS 427
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc
NURS 429 Therapeutics for Advanced Nursing  
30 points (semester 2)  
Consolidation of knowledge and skills for the registered nurse in physical and psychosocial assessment, pathophysiology, pharmacotherapeutics and diagnostic reasoning essential to safely prescribe and manage clients under supervision.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two three-day study blocks and one two-day study block.  
Prerequisite: NURS 405 and NURS 416  
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 431 Rural Nursing  
30 points (semester 2)  
Explores the concept of rural nursing and advances theoretical knowledge and practical skills to facilitate practice in rural hospital and community settings.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes six online study days.  
Restriction: NURS 431  
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 433 Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice  
30 points (semester 1)  
The application of philosophical frameworks within practice to support individuals to optimise their health, behavioural challenges and services access for people with intellectual disability across their lifespan.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper is taught with a blended learning approach and combines on-campus and online study days. This may be up to eight days across the semester.  
Restriction: PSME 439  
Limited to: MAdvNP, MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

NURS 434 Therapeutics: Knowledge and Integration  
30 points (semester 1)  
This paper builds on prior learning to integrate conceptual frameworks in pharmaco and non-pharmacotherapeutic management. Students utilise physical and psychosocial assessment, differential diagnosis and clinical decision making for prescribing of medications, therapies and appliances.  
Teaching and assessment note: Lectures, simulation laboratories and prescribing practice are under the guidance of an authorised prescriber.  
Prerequisite: NURS 405 or NURS 416  
*Note: Study is concurrent with 150 hours of supervised clinical practice.*

NURS 435 Evidence Based Nursing Practice  
30 points (semester 1)  
Acquisition of critical appraisal skills to interpret research and new knowledge for making clinical decisions in order to implement evidence-based nursing for populations and individuals.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two two-day and one three-day teaching blocks. This paper is blended learning utilising the Moodle platform.  
Limited to: MAdvNP  
*Note: Nurse Practitioner preparation students intending to take NURS 435 should contact the Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies for advice on enrolling via Special Permission.*

NURS 471 Special Topic: Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control  
30 points (semester 1)  
This paper will present the core business of IPC including fundamental principles in regard to standards and policies, environments, quality and risk, microbiology and epidemiology, and everyday IPC processes.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two three-day study blocks.  
Limited to: PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc, MHealSc, MAdvNP

NURS 472 Special Topic: Infection Prevention and Control in Practice  
30 points (semester 2)  
This paper builds on the foundational IPC principles from which the student will develop the skills and knowledge to critically apply these in clinical/healthcare settings to manage pandemic planning and emergency responses to pandemics/outbreaks within a community/organisation.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two three-day study blocks.  
Limited to: PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc, MHealSc, MAdvNP

NURS 473 Special Topic: Infection Prevention and Control in Practice  
30 points (semester 2)  
This paper builds on the foundational IPC principles from which the student will develop the skills and knowledge to critically apply these in clinical/healthcare settings to manage pandemic planning and emergency responses to pandemics/outbreaks within a community/organisation.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two three-day study blocks.  
Limited to: PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc, MHealSc, MAdvNP

NURS 474 Special Topic: Infection Prevention and Control in Practice  
30 points (semester 2)  
This paper builds on the foundational IPC principles from which the student will develop the skills and knowledge to critically apply these in clinical/healthcare settings to manage pandemic planning and emergency responses to pandemics/outbreaks within a community/organisation.  
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two three-day study blocks.  
Limited to: PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc, MHealSc, MAdvNP

NURS 530 Nurse Practitioner Prescribing Practicum  
30 points (semester 2)  
Registered nurse students synthesise knowledge integrating assessment, diagnostic skills, clinical reasoning, applying treatments and consolidating prescribing practice under the guidance of an authorised prescriber.  
Prerequisite: NURS 405 or NURS 416

NURS 531 Clinical Research Project  
30 points (semester 1 or 2)  
Supervised research to design, implement and evaluate a clinical project in a relevant field. Students evaluate research findings and best practice principles, and utilise theoretical frameworks to effect successful implementation.

NUTN 401 Principles of Human Nutrition  
30 points (semester 1)  
An overview of macronutrients and micronutrients, including analysis of topical research specific to each nutrient. Assessment of nutritional status, with particular emphasis on dietary assessment and interpretation.  
Restriction: CMNX 401, NUTX 401  
*Note: A core paper for PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc, MHealSc endorsed in Human Nutrition; may also be taken by other approved students.*

NUTN 402 Nutrition and Health Promotion  
30 points (semester 1)  
Current evidence-informed approaches to nutrition, education, promotion and communication.  
Restriction: CMNX 402, NUTX 402  
*Note: An elective paper for PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc, MHealSc endorsed in Human Nutrition; may also be taken by other approved students.*

NUTN 404 Nutrition and Chronic Disease  
30 points (semester 2)  
A critical and in-depth analysis of current and topical issues in the role of nutrition in chronic disease, specifically heart disease, diabetes, obesity and cancer.  
Restriction: CMNX 406, NUTX 404  
*Note: An elective paper for PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc, MHealSc endorsed in Human Nutrition; may also be taken by other approved students.*

NUTN 407 Advanced Sports Nutrition  
30 points (semester 2)  
A critical and in-depth analysis of current and topical issues in the nutritional aspects of exercise, performance and sport.  
Restriction: CMNX 407, HUNT 355, NUTX 407, SPME 703, SPMN 703  
*Note: An elective paper for PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc, MHealSc, and MAppSc endorsed in Human Nutrition; may also be taken by other approved students.*

NUTN 590 Dissertation  
30 points (semester 1, semester 2, full year or 15 July 2024–13 June 2025)  
A supervised project involving original research and leading to the production of a dissertation.
NPSY 701 Foundations of Applied Neuropsychology
30 points (semester 1)
Focuses upon the principles of practice in neuropsychology in New Zealand, including bicultural and partnership approaches, introduction to models of neurocognition and neurodevelopment, and legal and ethical frameworks for practice.
Limited to: PG Dip Neuropsych

NPSY 703 Neuropsychology of Acquired Brain Injuries and Stroke
15 points (semester 2)
Focuses upon the role of neuropsychological assessment and intervention with individuals with acquired brain injuries, including as a result of traumatic brain injury, cerebrovascular accidents, neurotoxicity and anoxic/hypoxic brain injury.
Limited to: PG Dip Neuropsych

NPSY 706 Clinical Practice in Neuropsychology
15 points (full year)
Represents the internship required for registration as a practicing neuropsychologist. Students will be expected to work in an appropriate clinical setting under supervision from an approved supervisor.
Limited to: PG Dip Neuropsych

OBGY 712 Pre- and Early Pregnancy Care
15 points (21 January–2 April or 1 July–16 September)
Fundamental knowledge and skills for the care of women planning pregnancy or wishing to avoid pregnancy, including contraception, pre-pregnancy counselling, antenatal education, the provision of antenatal care and early pregnancy complications.
Restriction: OBGX 712
Limited to: PGCertWHlth, PG Dip OMG
Notes: (i) This paper is designed for the continuing professional education of health professionals involved in the provision of women's healthcare, and is also a compulsory paper for the Postgraduate Diploma in Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology. (ii) Limited to 30 students per semester. (iii) For more information see otago.ac.nz/womens-health-postg

OBGY 716 Medical Gynaecology II
15 points (15 April–9 July or 16 September–3 December)
Fundamental knowledge and skills in a range of gynaecological and sexual health issues, including fertility issues, urinary and gynaecological problems, abortion, interpersonal violence and sexual harm and common gynaecological cancers.
Restriction: OBGX 716
Limited to: PGCertWHlth, PG Dip OMG
Notes: (i) This paper is designed for the continuing professional education of health professionals involved in the provision of women's healthcare, and is also a compulsory paper for the Postgraduate Diploma in Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology. (ii) Limited to 30 students per semester. (iii) For more information see otago.ac.nz/womens-health-postg

OBGY 713 Pregnancy Care in the Community
15 points (15 April–9 July or 16 September–3 December)
Fundamental knowledge and skills in antenatal, birthing and postnatal care, including the care of pregnant women with chronic medical conditions, management of labour, common disorders in pregnancy, obstetric emergencies, postpartum issues, and resuscitation of the newborn.
Restriction: OBGX 713
Limited to: PGCertWHlth, PG Dip OMG
Notes: (i) This paper is designed for the continuing professional education of health professionals involved in the provision of women's health care, and is also a compulsory paper for the Postgraduate Diploma in Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology. (ii) Limited to 30 students per semester. (iii) For more information see otago.ac.nz/womens-health-postg

OBGY 717 Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Training
30 points (full year)
Relevant anatomy and physiology of normal and abnormal labour, practical management of normal and abnormal labour, augmentation and induction of labour, maternal birth trauma and episiotomy, assisted vaginal delivery, caesarean section, third stage complications, management of intrauterine fetal death, obstetric shock, well women care, family planning, screening in gynaecology, climacteric, menstrual disorders, abnormal vaginal bleeding, vaginal discharge, urinary incontinence, malignancy of the genital tract, pelvic pain and dyspareunia, sexual assault, infertiltiy, vulval lesions and quality assurance.
Restriction: OBGX 717
Limited to: PGCertWHlth, PG Dip OMG
Notes: (i) This practical training programme is a compulsory paper for the Postgraduate Diploma in Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology. (ii) For more information see otago.ac.nz/womens-health-postg

OBGY 718 Obstetrics and Gynaecology Residential Course 1
15 points (23 September–15 December or 14 October–31 December)
Revision of topics selected by candidates and tutors, obstetrics and gynaecology databases, New Zealand clinical management guidelines related to obstetrics and gynaecology.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper centres around a three-day residential course held in Christchurch.
Restriction: OBGX 719
Limited to: PGCertWHlth, PG Dip OMG

OBGY 719 Obstetrics and Gynaecology Residential Course 2
15 points (23 September–15 December or 14 October–31 December)
Revision of topics selected by candidates and tutors, obstetrics and gynaecology databases, New Zealand clinical management guidelines related to obstetrics and gynaecology.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper centres around a three-day residential course held in Christchurch.
Restriction: OBGX 719
Limited to: PGCertWHlth, PG Dip OMG

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OCCH 401 Occupational Health

30 points (semester 1)

Introduction to occupational health with an emphasis on the prevention of illness caused by workplace hazards.

Restriction: OCCX 401
Limited to: MHealSc, MPhTy, PGCertHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipHealSc, PGDipMSM, PGDipPhty

OCCH 402 Occupational Safety

30 points (semester 2)

Introduction to workplace safety with an emphasis on managing health and safety systems and resources.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes a three-day compulsory block workshop in Dunedin.

Restriction: OCCX 402
Limited to: MHealSc, MPhTy, PGCertHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPhty

OPHT 801 Ophthalmic Anatomy

30 points (19 February–15 June or 29 July–23 November)

Anatomy of relevance to the clinical practice of ophthalmology. In particular the eye, the visual pathways, the orbit, its contents and periorbital structures. The anatomy of the head and neck, neuro-anatomy and histology as it pertains to the visual system.

Restriction: OPHX 801
Limited to: PGDipOphthBS

OPHT 802 Ophthalmic Physiology

30 points (19 February–15 June or 29 July–23 November)

Physiology of the human eye and visual systems and related neurophysiology, including the scientific application of psychophysical testing as a basis for current and future ophthalmic clinical practice.

Restriction: OPHX 802
Limited to: PGDipOphthBS

OPHT 803 Ophthalmic Optics

30 points (19 February–15 June or 29 July–23 November)

The application of the principles of physical, geometric, physiological optics and ultrasonography to current and future ophthalmic clinical practice, including instruments which facilitate the examination of the human eye and the detection of abnormalities that may degrade image formation in the human eye.

Restriction: OPHX 803
Limited to: PGDipOphthBS

OPHT 804 Practical Ophthalmic Basic Sciences

30 points (1 June–31 July)

The practical application of the principles of ophthalmic optics, anatomy and physiology to current and future ophthalmic clinical practice, including the use of equipment designed to assess or measure the functioning of the human eye, anatomical specimens, prostheses and models to illustrate the ocular and related anatomy.

Teaching and assessment note: Staff and experts in their respective fields deliver this two-week programme in Dunedin. The course timetable indicates which day of the two-week block the topic will be presented. The days are divided into morning and afternoon sessions, each being three and a half hours long, plus private study time.

Restriction: OPHX 804
Limited to: PGDipOphthBS

Note: University of Sydney students, please apply for a Certificate of Proficiency in OPHT 804 by emailing international.enquiries@otago.ac.nz

PAIN 710 Introduction to Pain

15 points (semester 1)

An overview of the current understanding of pain as a multi-dimensional phenomenon, including: pain concepts and history; introduction to neuropathophysiology of nociceptive, inflammatory, neuropathic and noxious plastic mechanisms; pain assessment; and the psychological, social and economic aspects of both acute and chronic pain.

Restriction: MSME 704
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGCertMSM, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPhty, PGDipPHC

PAIN 711 Introduction to Pain Management

15 points (semester 2)

Current understanding of the best practice principles for the management and treatment of musculoskeletal pain from a multi-dimensional perspective.
PHCY 521 Elective Topics in Patient-Centred Care
30 points (semester 2)
This paper continues the direction of clinical decision making for therapeutics with a choice of elective topics covered in two modules. Students can choose one elective topic per module.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes one compulsory workshop. Venue and date to be confirmed. Further teaching takes place via video conferences: 7-9pm every two weeks on Tuesdays.
Prerequisite: PHCY 520
Restriction: PHCY 523
Limited to: PGDipClinPharm

PHCY 590 Dissertation
60 points (1 February–31 July or 1 March–31 August or 1 April–30 September or 1 May–31 October or 1 June–30 November or 1 July–31 December 2024 or 1 August–31 October or 1 June–30 November 2025)
A supervised dissertation of up to 20,000 words presenting the results of an original study on a relevant topic in the student’s area of interest within pharmacy.
Restriction: PHCY 591, PHCX 590, PHCX 591
Note: Admission is subject to approval from the Dean of the School of Pharmacy.

PHTY 501 Biomedical Science in Physiotherapy
30 points (semester 1)
Integration of the applied, medical and clinical sciences that underpin the philosophy, and examination and management practices in physiotherapy. Students will study topics appropriate to their clinical specialisation.
Restriction: PHTX 501
Limited to: MPhy, PGCertPhty, PGDipPhty

PHTY 530 Theoretical Constructs in Clinical Practice
30 points (semester 2)
Clinical practice structured to extend the physiotherapist’s theoretical knowledge and reasoning skills, and to develop an advanced level of competence and critical evaluation in their specialised field of practice.
Restriction: PHTY 561, PHTX 530, PHTX 561
Limited to: MPhy, PGDipPhty

PHTY 535 Neurorehabilitation
30 points (semester 2)
Advanced level of knowledge, competence and skill in neurorehabilitation for practising physiotherapists.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper is taught on-campus and via distance learning.

A colloquium of location and duration will be held subject to arrangement. Audio conferences (via Zoom) will be held in the evenings subject to arrangement.
Restriction: PHTX 535
Limited to: MPhy, PGCertPhty, PGDipPhty

PHTY 542 Sports Physiotherapy
30 points (semester 2)
Advanced study of clinical theory and practice in sports physiotherapy. This includes elements of injury mechanisms, principles of injury prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation principles integrated within the clinical reasoning process.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes one five-day residential block held in Dunedin and audio conferences held via Zoom.
Restriction: PHTX 542
Limited to: MPhy, PGCertPhty, PGDipPhty, PGDipSEM

PHTY 543 Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapy
30 points (semester 1)
Advanced study of clinical theory and practice in all elements of orthopaedic manipulative therapy.
Teaching and assessment note: Regular online discussions via Zoom and wiki discussion board, plus three residential blocks of in-person teaching held in Dunedin.
Restriction: PHTY 541, PHTX 541, PHTX 543
Limited to: MPhy, PGCertPhty, PGDipPhty

PHTY 545 Advanced Studies in Physiotherapy
30 points (semester 1 or semester 2)
Study of clinical theory and practice in a specific area of physiotherapy.
Limited to: MPhy, PGDipPhty

PHTY 561 Clinical Practice
30 points (semester 2)
Supervised clinical practice in an appropriate clinical setting structured to extend the knowledge of specific physiotherapy theory and to further develop a high level of practical expertise in the examination and management of patients.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper is comprised of online and face-to-face mentoring to support students in the development of their higher level clinical reasoning.
Restriction: PHTY 530, PHTX 530, PHTX 561
Limited to: MPhy, PGDipPhty

PHTY 560 Research Methods
30 points (semester 1)
Research design, evaluation, survey and qualitative methods.
Restriction: PHTY 510, PHTX 510, PHTX 610
Limited to: MPhy, PGDipPhty

PHTY 650 Research Project
30 points (semester 1 or 2)
A supervised research project of a standard likely to be published presenting the results of original research on a relevant topic within physiotherapy.
Restriction: PHTY 550, PHTX 550, PHTX 650
Limited to: MPhy

PRHC 701 New Zealand Primary Health Care
30 points (semester 1)
The structure, process and context of primary healthcare in New Zealand. Focuses on interdisciplinary collaboration, anticipating future changes to primary healthcare delivery in one’s professional context.
Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two days of compulsory residential teaching delivered online via Zoom and/or in-person on campus in Wellington. The in-person attendance option will depend on any travel restrictions and student numbers. Dates to be advised. Other teaching is via Blackboard and online videoconferencing.
Restriction: PRHC 701
Limited to: MPhy, PGCertPht, PGCertPht, PGDipPht, PGDipSEM, MHealSc, PGDipHealSc
Note: Includes residential period/s.

PRHC 702 Wilderness and Expedition Medicine
30 points (semester 2)
Overview of planning and preparation for activities including expeditions in wilderness environments. This includes medical problems associated with these environments and providing medical care in the outdoors.
Limited to: PGCertTravMed, PGDipGP, PGDipPht, PGDipSEM, MHealSc, PGDipPht, MHealSc
Note: Includes residential period/s.

PRHC 703 Strategy and Leadership in Primary Health Care
30 points (semester 2)
Focuses on strategic planning to improve practice, quality and safety of primary healthcare in New Zealand, reducing disparities in health outcomes, and fostering interprofessional capability, including advanced skills in teamwork and
collaborative leadership.

Teaching and assessment note: Two-day compulsory residential workshop delivered online via Zoom. There may be an opportunity to attend the residential in-person on campus in Wellington, but this will depend on student numbers and travel restrictions at the time. Dates TBC. Other teaching is via Blackboard and online videoconferencing.

PSME 201 Human Sexuality and Health 18 points (semester 1)
A foundational introduction to human sexuality and its biological, psychological and social underpinnings, with a focus on health and wellbeing.

Recommended preparation: GEND 102

PSME 401 Nature, Extent and Assessment of Mental Disorders 30 points (semester 1)
Mental health disorders are highly prevalent and impact hugely on individuals, their families and society. This paper aims to promote an in-depth understanding of these conditions. It incorporates discussion of current psychological and neurobiological models, epidemiology and classification, combined with knowledge about typical presentations.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two three-day workshops in Christchurch. Attendance at both block courses is compulsory. Some additional sessions will be held via Zoom.

Restriction: PSMX 401
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

PSME 404 Addiction Assessment 30 points (semester 1)
A clinical paper addressing assessment, formulation, treatment planning and communicating clinical findings, in people with addiction and co-existing disorders.

Teaching and assessment note: PSME 404 will run in the first semester as a combination of two compulsory Christchurch-based block courses, a series of videoconference classes and web-based self-directed learning modules.

Restriction: PSMX 404
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC

Note: Students must have worked clinically for at least two years before commencing this paper, and at the time of study must be working clinically in a therapeutic setting.

PSME 405 Contemporary Approaches to Mental Health Practice 30 points (semester 2)
Collaborative approaches that enhance the self-managing capacities of people experiencing mental disorders. Exploration of frameworks that underpin models of care and lead to more effective outcomes.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two three-day block workshops to be held in Christchurch. Attendance at all block courses is compulsory.

Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

PSME 406 Research Methods: Mental Health 30 points (semester 2)
This practical and academically orientated paper aims to upskill health professionals in the science of research methods, particularly those related to mental health research.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes four two-day block courses in Christchurch. Attendance at all block courses is compulsory.

Restriction: PSMX 406
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

PSME 407 Forensic Psychiatry 30 points (semester 2)
The principles and practice of forensic psychiatry.

Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

Note: Students will require evidence of suitable clinical experience to be admitted to this paper.

PSME 422 Addiction Treatment 30 points (semester 2)
A companion paper to PSME 404 addressing the clinical process of treatment and management of people with addiction and co-existing disorders, following assessment.

Teaching and assessment note: PSME 422 will run in the second semester as a combination of two compulsory three-day Christchurch-based block courses, plus teleconference and online case-based discussion and coursework supervision focused on translation of enhanced knowledge, skills and attitudes in day-to-day practice.

Restriction: PSMX 422
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC

Note: Students must have worked clinically for at least two years before commencing this paper, and at the time of study must be working clinically in a therapeutic setting.

PSME 432 Introduction to Perinatal Psychiatry 30 points (semester 2)
An outline of the full range of psychiatric disorders as they present during pregnancy and the first postnatal year. Also includes the adaptive demands on the mother and family during the perinatal period.

Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

Note: Candidates must possess an appropriate health professional qualification and have at least two years postgraduate clinical experience.

PSME 433 Introduction to Infant Mental Health 30 points (semester 1)
Provides an understanding of development and attachment in the context of the perinatal period.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes two four-day (Wednesday to Saturday) compulsory workshops in Christchurch. Attendance at both block courses is compulsory.

Restriction: PSMX 433
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

PSME 439 Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice 30 points (semester 1)
The application of philosophical frameworks within practice to support individuals to optimise health, behavioural challenges and services access for people with intellectual disability across the lifespan.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper is taught with a blended learning approach and combines on-campus and online study days. This may be up to eight days across the semester.

Restriction: PSME 439
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGDipHealSc

PSME 455 Special Topic: Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing I 30 points (full year)
Teaches the introductory application of Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy for mental health conditions.

Note: Students applying for this paper will already have a mental health qualification. All students will be required to have (1) full registration with a regulatory authority under the Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act (or an acceptable full membership of a Professional Association); (2) Four years of experience in clinical practice in one-to-one therapies, within a mental health field; (3) a
university qualification in a relevant mental health field of at least a Post Graduate Diploma level; and (4) a current work role in a therapies setting where they have access to suitable clients.

PSME 456 Special Topic: Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing II
30 points (full year)
Teaches the advanced application of Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy for mental health conditions. It is restricted to suitably qualified and experienced mental health professionals.

Prerequisite: PSME 455
Note: Students applying for this paper will already have a mental health qualification and will have successfully completed PSME 455. Applicants who have completed EMDR Therapy Basic Training in New Zealand are able to apply directly for entry to PSME 456 without completing PSME 455. Those applicants will need to demonstrate competency in the use of EMDR Therapy by submitting a written Case Conceptualisation using the Adaptive Information Processing (AIP) model and a videotaped interview of the use of the Standard EMDR Therapy protocol. Guidelines will be made available to applicants. All students will be required to have (1) full registration with a regulatory authority under the Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act (or an acceptable full membership of a Professional Association); (2) Four years of experience in clinical practice in one-to-one therapies, within a mental health field; (3) a university qualification in a relevant mental health field of at least a Post Graduate Diploma level; and (4) a current work role in a therapies setting where they have access to suitable clients.

PUBH 725 Applied Biostatistics 1 – Fundamentals
15 points (29 April–28 June)
Introduction to the use of statistical methods in health sciences research. Descriptive and simple inferential statistics for discrete, continuous and right-censored data. Introduction to linear regression.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes compulsory webinar sessions on Tuesday afternoons, 4–6pm and a block week of Zoom webinars on Monday 29 April, Tuesday 30 April and Wednesday 1 May, 4–6pm.

Restriction: HASC 413
Limited to: MA, MAppSc, MClinPharm, MHealSc, MMLSc, MPH, MPharm, MHC, MSc, DPH, PGDipAppSc, PGDipArts, PGDipHealSc, PGDipMLSc, PGDipPharm, PGDipSci, PGCertPH, BMMLSc(Hons)

PUBH 726 Applied Biostatistics 2 – Regression Methods
15 points (8 July–30 August)
Use of multiple regression methods in health sciences research. Development of linear, logistic, Poisson and Cox regression models for estimation and prediction including covariate adjustment, dummy variables, transformations and interactions.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes compulsory webinar sessions on Tuesday afternoons, 4–6pm and a block week of Zoom webinars on Monday 15 July, Tuesday 16 July and Wednesday 17 July, 4–6pm.

Restriction: HASC 413 or PUBH 725
Limited to: MA, MAppSc, MClinPharm, MHealSc, MPH, MPharm, MHC, MSc, DPH, PGDipAppSc, PGDipArts, PGDipHealSc, PGDipMLSc, PGDipPharm, PGDipSci, PGCertPH
Note: The prerequisite may be waived for students with an equivalent level of knowledge.

PUBH 734 Health Protection
15 points (26 February–26 April)
Principles of protecting human health from environmental hazards and application to environmental health practice in New Zealand. Strong emphasis on developing conceptual, analytical and field-based skills for health protection.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper is distance taught with weekly or fortnightly Zoom webinars. Week 1 is made up of two block sessions, Monday and Thursday, 9am–12pm. Weekly Monday sessions, 4–5pm, weeks 2–6.

Limited to: MA, MHealSc, MPH, DPH, PGDipArts, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGCertPH, PGCertPHC

PUBH 737 Public Health Law and Public Health Ethics – Fundamentals
15 points (26 February–26 April)
Law as a tool for public health: understand key concepts in public health law and ethics; overview of relevant law in New Zealand; skills in research and analysis of current law.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper is taught via webinar sessions on Wednesdays from 5:30–7pm beginning week 2. It includes a two-day workshop in Wellington in week 1, dates TBC.

Limited to: MA, MHealSc, MPH, DPH, PGDipArts, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGCertPH, PGCertPHC
Note: Includes a two-day workshop in Wellington.

PUBH 738 Global Health Law and Global Health Ethics
15 points (29 April–28 June)
Developing law for public health in contemporary society; law and non-communicable diseases; impact of globalisation and international law; ethical implications; and relationships between global law for health and the environment.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper is distance taught with weekly or fortnightly Zoom conferences. Week 1 is made up of two block sessions, Monday and Thursday, 9am–12pm. Weekly Monday sessions, 4–5pm, weeks 2–6.

Limited to: MA, MHealSc, MPH, DPH, PGDipArts, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGCertPH, PGCertPHC

PUBH 742 Global Health and International Health Systems
15 points (2 September–9 November)
Health systems in a global context, comparative health systems and how different countries organise their health systems. Evaluation of the performance of different health systems.

Teaching and assessment note: This distance learning paper is taught remotely with learning supported by Zoom webinars:

Week 1: Two compulsory three-hour block sessions on the Monday and Thursday of Week 1. These will be held via Zoom. Time/date TBC. Weeks 2–6: Weekly one-hour sessions on Mondays via Zoom. Time TBC.

Recommended preparation: PUBH 714
Limited to: MA, MHealSc, MPH, DPH, PGDipArts, PGDipHealMgt, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGCertPH, PGCertPHC
PUBH 745 Introduction to Pacific Public Health
15 points (2 September–9 November)
An introduction to key aspects of, and approaches to, Pacific public health.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper is distance taught through two-hour weekly webinars, Tuesdays 4–6pm, and a one-day workshop in Wellington TBC week 2. Final teaching session is 8 October.

Limited to: MA(Coursework), MA (Thesis), MHealSc, MPH, MSc, DPh, PGDipArts, BA (Hons), PGDipHealMgt, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPH, PGCertPHC

Note: May not be credited with PUBH 739 completed in 2020 or 2021.

RADT 401 Applied Radiation Therapy Advanced Practice
30 points (semester 1 or 2)

Restriction: RADX 401
Limited to: PGCertHealSc

RADT 402 Patient Centred Radiation Therapy Advanced Practice
30 points (semester 2)

Restriction: RADX 402
Limited to: PGCertHealSc

RADT 403 Brachytherapy Principles and Practice
30 points (semester 1 or 2)
Historical development, sources, specifications, radiobiology, high/low dose rate, interstitial and intracavity systems, national and international criteria, radiation safety.

Restriction: RADX 403
Limited to: PGCertHealSc

REHB 701 Rehabilitation Principles
30 points (semester 1)
A broad framework for understanding rehabilitation practice including; the ICF, goal planning, compensation systems and the ACC, ethical issues, team dynamics and the concept of transdisciplinary teams; cultural perspectives and person-centred rehabilitation.

Restriction: REHX 701
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertHealSc, PGCertRehab, PGDipRehab, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPhty, MPhty

REHB 704 Neurological Rehabilitation
30 points (semester 2)
A rehabilitation perspective on the assessment and management of a range of neurological conditions including stroke, subarachnoid haemorrhage, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury and Parkinson’s disease.

Limited to: MHealSc, PGDipRehab, PGCertRehab, PGDipPhty, PGDipHealSc, MPhty

REHB 706 Work Rehabilitation
30 points (semester 2)
Understanding the workplace, workers and employers, and using modern management techniques to reduce worksite injury and promote early return to work.

Restriction: REHX 706
Limited to: MHealSc, PGDipRehab, PGCertRehab, PGDipPhty, PGDipHealSc, MPhty

REHB 714 Personal and Psychological Factors in Rehabilitation
30 points (semester 1)
An enquiry into personal and psychological factors that influence outcomes in rehabilitation and long-term conditions. Identification of risk and protective factors in rehabilitation.

Restriction: REHX 714
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertRehab, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGDipRehab, PGCertPHC, PGDipPhty, MPhty

REHB 716 Rehabilitation with Children
30 points (semester 2)
An investigation of theory, research and practice of inter-professional rehabilitation with children who have congenital or acquired health conditions in the context of family-centred practice.

Restriction: REHX 716
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertRehab, PGDipHealSc, PGDipPHC, PGDipRehab

REHB 780 Research Project
30 points (full year)
A supervised research project up to 10,000 words involving the development, implementation and reporting of an original topic in the student’s area of professional interest.

Restriction: REHX 780
Limited to: MHealSc, PGDipRehab, PGDipHealSc

SPME 701 Issues in Sports Medicine
30 points (semester 1)
The foundations of the multidisciplinary study of sports medicine to include core anatomy, physiology, nutrition and human movement.

Restriction: SPMX 701
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipPHC, PGDipSEM, PGDipPhty, PGDipHealSc, MPhty

SPME 703 Sports Nutrition
30 points (semester 2)
The relationship between nutrition and exercise and the application of human nutrition to sport and sport performance.

Restriction: CMNX 407, HUNT 355, NUTN 407, NUTF 407, SPMX 703
Limited to: MHealSc, PGDipSEM, PGDipPhty, MPhty, PGDipHealSc

SPME 707 Regional Sports Injury 1
15 points (semester 1)
The issues which relate to the supervision and care of individuals involved in sport and recreational activities, with specific emphasis on the prevention and treatment of commonly encountered injuries to the upper limb.

Restriction: SPMX 707
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipPHC, PGDipSEM, PGDipPhty, MPhty, PGDipHealSc

SPME 708 Regional Sports Injury 2
15 points (semester 2)
The issues which relate to the supervision and care of individuals involved in sport and recreational activities, with specific emphasis on the prevention and treatment of commonly encountered injuries to the lower limb.

Restriction: SPMX 708
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipPHC, PGDipSEM, PGDipPhty, MPhty, PGDipHealSc

SPME 709 Women in Sport: Health Issues
30 points (semester 1)
The recognition and management of specific issues relating to the physically active female, including active leisure to high performance sport.

Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipPHC, PGDipSEM, PGDipPhty, MPhty, PGDipHealSc

SPME 711 Exercise Prescription
30 points (semester 2)
An appreciation of the link between physical activity and health in the contemporary primary care setting that promotes interdisciplinary collaboration.

Teaching and assessment note: This paper includes a compulsory webinar day prior to
the semester start (date to be confirmed by Dr Hamish Osborne).

Restriction: SPMX 711
Limited to: MHealSc, PGCertPHC, PGDipPHC, PGDipSEM, PGDipPhy, PGDipHealSc

SUAN 701 Upper Limb and Thorax
30 points (15 January–13 April)
Anatomy of the upper limb and thorax relevant to the clinical practice of surgery and radiology. Includes regional cadaver dissection.

Teaching and assessment note: There is an on-campus teaching week from 8–13 April.

Limited to: PGDipSurgAnat

SUAN 702 Lower Limb and Pelvis
30 points (15 January–19 April)
Anatomy of the lower limb and pelvis relevant to the clinical practice of surgery and radiology. Includes regional cadaver dissection.

Teaching and assessment note: There is an on-campus teaching week from 15–19 April.

Pre- or co-requisite: SUAN 701 or SUAX 701
Limited to: PGDipSurgAnat

SUAN 703 Abdomen and Neck
30 points (10 June–14 September)
Anatomy of the abdomen and neck relevant to the clinical practice of surgery and radiology. Includes regional cadaver dissection.

Teaching and assessment note: There is an on-campus teaching week from 22–27 July.

Prerequisite: SUAN 701 or SUAX 701
Limited to: PGDipSurgAnat

SUAN 704 Head, Spine, Neuroanatomy and Skin
30 points (10 June–14 September)
Anatomy of the head (including basic neuroanatomy) spine and skin relevant to the clinical practice of surgery and radiology. Includes regional cadaver dissection.

Teaching and assessment note: There is an on-campus teaching week from 29 July–2 August.

Prerequisite: SUAN 701 or SUAX 701
Limited to: PGDipSurgAnat
Summer School
Kura Raumati

IN JUST SIX WEEKS you can complete a full paper over the New Zealand summer period and get a head start for the academic year. The 2024 Summer School period is from 8 January until 16 February.

A small number of papers are also offered during November and December. This is Pre-Christmas Summer School during which you can complete a full paper in JUST FIVE WEEKS. In 2023 the Pre-Christmas Summer School period is from 13 November to 15 December and in 2024, the period is from 11 November until 13 December. Exams usually take place within a week of classes ending.

2023 Pre-Christmas Summer School papers

CHTH 224 Theology and the Environment
18 points
Engaging with biblical, historical and contemporary theologies of nature, this paper explores the resources available within the Christian tradition for shaping a contemporary ecological ethic.
Prerequisite: 36 100-level points
Restriction: CHTH 324
Note: May not be credited together with CHTH 335 taken in 2021.
Contact: Dr Andrew Shepherd
andrew.shepherd@otago.ac.nz

CHTH 237 Special Topic: Moana Pasifika Theology
18 points
An investigation of Moana Pasifika theological knowledge and understanding. This paper will explore Christian Theology from the perspective of Moana Pasifika peoples. It will examine the origins and development of Christian faith in the Pacific, engage theological voices from the Pacific, and explore the reading of the Bible through a Pacific lens.
Prerequisite: 36 100-level points
Restriction: CHTH 337

CHTH 324 Theology and the Environment (Advanced)
18 points
Engaging with biblical, historical and contemporary theologies of nature, this paper explores the resources available within the Christian tradition for shaping a contemporary ecological ethic.
Prerequisite: 18 points at 200-level
Restriction: CHTH 224

Note: May not be credited together with CHTH 335 taken in 2021.
Contact: Dr Andrew Shepherd
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CHTH 337 Special Topic: Moana Pasifika Theology (Advanced)
18 points
An investigation of Moana Pasifika theological knowledge and understanding. This paper will explore Christian Theology from the perspective of Moana Pasifika peoples. It will examine the origins and development of Christian faith in the Pacific, engage theological voices from the Pacific, and explore the reading of the Bible through a Pacific lens.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level points
Restriction: CHTH 237

CLAS 346 Power and Politics in Roman and Modern Times
18 points
Examines and compares concepts of power, legitimacy, and governance in Republican Roman and modern political systems.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level CLAS, GREK, LATN or POLS points
Note: CLAS 346 cannot be credited with CLAS 330 taken in 2019 or 2020.
Contact: classics@otago.ac.nz

COMP 161 Computer Programming
18 points
An introduction to computer programming suitable for beginners with little or no prior experience. Introduces the Java programming language, basic object oriented concepts and simple graphical applications.
Restriction: COMP 160
Contact: advisor.cs@otago.ac.nz

RELS 244 Ancient Egypt: Magic and Mystery
18 points
Magical practices and mystery religions in ancient Egypt. No prior knowledge of ancient Egypt or religion is required.
Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 344

RELS 344 Ancient Egypt: Magic and Mystery (Advanced)
18 points
Magical practices and mystery religions in ancient Egypt. No prior knowledge of ancient Egypt or religion is required.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level points
Restriction: RELS 244

Summer School 2024 papers

CHEM 150 Concepts in Chemistry
18 points
Introduction to the core ideas and methods of chemistry; recommended for students with limited chemistry backgrounds. Topics include stoichiometry, equilibria, thermochemistry, redox, acid-base chemistry, and main group and organic chemistry.
Notes: (i) Students who have achieved 14 credits of NCEA level 2 Chemistry or more, or any credits of NCEA level 3 Chemistry (or their equivalents) will need Head of Department approval to enrol in the course. (ii) CHEM 150 cannot be credited to a degree if CHEM 191 or CHEM 111 has been passed previously. (iii) No other Summer School paper may be taken concurrently with CHEM 150.
Contact: Dr David McMorran
davidm@chemistry.otago.ac.nz
COSC 360 Computer Game Design
18 points (Summer School)
An introduction to the interdisciplinary field of computer game design, with an emphasis on technical skills. Topics include game critique, game design, programming, visual design and interactive storytelling.
Prerequisite: COSC 202 or COSC 242
Contact: advise@cs.otago.ac.nz

HUNT 141 Understanding Human Nutrition
18 points
Basic understanding of key nutritional concepts and the importance of evidence-based nutrition for individual and population health.
Restriction: HUNT 233
Contact: human-nutrition@otago.ac.nz

MATH 120 Mathematics for Scientists
18 points
The development of understanding, formulation and application of a variety of approaches to quantitative problem solving in scientific disciplines.
Restriction: MATH 101, MATH 102, MATH 160 and MATH 170
Contact: Dr Robert van Gorder
robert.vangorder@otago.ac.nz

MART 310 Current Issues in International Branding
18 points (Summer School)
Provides an understanding of the strategies that brands use to position themselves in relation to international markets in the context of global business. It considers the socio-political contexts of markets and the cultural influences that affect strategic branding decisions.
Prerequisite: 54 200-level points
Note: May not be credited together with MART 330 passed in 2021, 2022 or 2023.
Contact: Associate Professor Andrea Insch
andrea.insch@otago.ac.nz

MINS 415 Christian Ministry in te ao Māori (the Māori World) (Advanced)
20 points
Explores Christian ministry and theology in relation to te ao Māori (the Māori World) at an advanced level that critiques the role of clergy in relation to Māori expressions, understanding and practice of ministry within a historical and contemporary context.
Restriction: PAST 323
Limited to: BTHeol(Hons), PGDipTheol, PGDipMin, MMin, PCertTheol, PGDipChap, MChap, PGDipFBLM, MFBLM
This paper will include a five-day residential intensive at Te Rau College in Gisborne 15–19 January 2024.
Contact: Dr Wayne Te Kawa
wayne.tekaawa@otago.ac.nz

PAST 323 Christian Ministry in te ao Māori (the Māori World)
18 points
Explores Christian ministry and theology in relation to te ao Māori (the Māori World), taking into consideration Māori expressions, understanding and practice of ministry within a historical and contemporary context.
Prerequisite: One 100-level PAST or CHTH paper
Restriction: MINS 415
This paper will include a five-day residential intensive at Te Rau College in Gisborne 15–19 January 2024.
Contact: Dr Wayne Te Kawa
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RELS 237 Psychology of Religion
18 points
An introduction to the psychology of religion, with emphasis on what research in contemporary cognitive and evolutionary psychology says about human religious belief and behaviour.
Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 337
Note: May not be credited together with RELS 231 or RELS 331 passed in 2016.
Contact: Dr Joseph Watts
joseph.watts@otago.ac.nz

RELS 317 Religion, Science and Magic
18 points (Summer School)
Beginning with the contemporary debates regarding creationism, alternative medicine, and witchcraft (Wicca), the paper examines the relation between the modern sciences and the worlds of Kabbalah, alchemy, and apocalyptic religion from which they emerged.
Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 217
Contact: Professor Greg Dawes
greg.dawes@otago.ac.nz

RELS 331 Psychology of Religion (Advanced)
18 points
An introduction to the psychology of religion, with emphasis on what research in contemporary cognitive and evolutionary psychology says about human religious belief and behaviour.
Prerequisite: 36 points
Restriction: RELS 217
Note: May not be credited together with RELS 231 or RELS 331 passed in 2016.
Contact: Dr Joseph Watts
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TOUR 101 Introduction to Tourism
18 points
An introduction to the global principles that structure tourism, the nature and operation of the tourist industry and the impact, development and management issues that arise from tourism.
Restriction: TOUX 101
Contact: tourism@otago.ac.nz

TOUR 102 Global Tourism
18 points
The major issues in world tourism as it is differentiated on a global regional basis; integrated illustrative case studies.
Restriction: TOUX 102
Contact: tourism@otago.ac.nz
TOUR 310 Leisure: Lives and Societies
18 points
Examines conceptual and historical perspectives of leisure; the role and scale of contemporary leisure, and the leisure industry. Considers determinants of the demand for and access to leisure, leisure, hedonism, deviance, freedom, and morality.
Prerequisite: 54 200-level points
Contact: tourism@otago.ac.nz

2024 Pre-Christmas Summer School papers
CHTH 237 Special Topic: Moana Pasifika Theology
18 points
An investigation of Moana Pasifika theological knowledge and understanding.
Prerequisite: 36 100-level points
Restriction: CHTH 337
Contact: theology@otago.ac.nz

CHTH 337 Special Topic: Moana Pasifika Theology (Advanced)
18 points
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Prerequisite: 18 200-level points
Restriction: CHTH 237
Contact: theology@otago.ac.nz

COMP 161 Computer Programming
18 points
An introduction to computer programming suitable for beginners with little or no prior experience. Introduces the Java programming language, basic object oriented concepts and simple graphical applications.
Restriction: COMP 160
Contact: Computer Science Advisor
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RELS 303 Ancient Religion: Egypt to Mesopotamia (Advanced)
18 points
The religious practices, beliefs and texts of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Levant, ca. 3000–300 BCE.
Prerequisite: 18 200-level BIBS or RELS points
Restriction: RELS 203
Contact: Deane Galbraith
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Further information about Summer School papers
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HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education
Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education
Master of Higher Education

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

Archaeology
Master of Archaeological Practice

Chaplaincy
Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy
Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy
Master of Chaplaincy

Education
Bachelor of Arts with Honours
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts
Master of Arts (Thesis)
Master of Arts (Coursework)
Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Learning
Postgraduate Diploma in Education and Learning
Master of Education and Learning
Doctor of Education
Doctor of Philosophy

Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies
Master of Indigenous Studies

Ministry
Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry
Master of Ministry

Religious Studies
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Arts with Honours
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts
Diploma for Graduates
Master of Arts (Coursework)

Social Work
Bachelor of Social Work
Bachelor of Social Work with Honours
Master of Social and Community Work (Applied)
Master of Social Work

Theology
Diploma in Theology
Bachelor of Theology
Bachelor of Theology with Honours
Postgraduate Diploma in Theology
Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-Based Leadership and Management
Master of Faith-Based Leadership and Management

DIVISION OF SCIENCES

Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences
Postgraduate Diploma of Sport Development and Management
Master of Sport Development and Management

Science Communication
Postgraduate Certificate in Science Communication
Postgraduate Diploma in Science Communication

DIVISION OF COMMERCE (OTAGO BUSINESS SCHOOL)

Business Administration
Master of Business Administration
Doctor of Business Administration

Data Science
Master of Business Data Science

Digital Health
Postgraduate Certificate in Digital Health
Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Health

Sustainable Business
Master of Sustainable Business
DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Unless specified otherwise, the schools responsible for papers and programmes are indicated as follows:

Christchurch – University of Otago, Christchurch (Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences)
Dunedin – Dunedin School of Medicine
Wellington – University of Otago, Wellington (Wellington School of Medicine and Health Sciences)

Postgraduate Certificate in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (Wellington)
Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Performed Ultrasound
Postgraduate Certificate in General Practice (Dunedin, Wellington)
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences endorsed in:
  • Addiction and Co-existing Disorders (Christchurch)
  • Adult Restorative Dental Care
  • Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (Wellington)
  • Clinical Ethics (Dunedin)
  • Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy (Wellington)
  • Continence Management (Christchurch)
  • Forensic Mental Health (Christchurch)
  • Human Nutrition (Dunedin)
  • Mental Health (Christchurch)
  • Musculoskeletal Management (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Advanced Clinical Nursing) (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Advanced Mental Health) (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (High Acuity) (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Leadership and Management) (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Specialty Mental Health) (Christchurch)
  • Occupational Health (Dunedin)
  • Pain and Pain Management (Christchurch)
  • Radiation Therapy Advanced Practice (Wellington)
Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Technology
Postgraduate Certificate in Musculoskeletal Medicine (Christchurch)
Postgraduate Certificate in Occupational Medicine (Wellington)
Postgraduate Certificate in Pharmacist Prescribing (Dunedin)
Postgraduate Certificate in Pharmacy endorsed in:
  • Medicines Optimisation (Dunedin)
Postgraduate Certificate in Pregnancy and Medical Gynaecology
Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Health Care (Dunedin, Wellington)
Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health
Postgraduate Certificate in Rehabilitation (Wellington)
Postgraduate Certificate in Rural and Provincial Hospital Practice (Dunedin)
Postgraduate Certificate in Travel Medicine (Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics and Health Law
Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health (Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy (Dunedin)
Postgraduate Diploma in General Practice (Dunedin, Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management (Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences endorsed in:
  • Addiction and Co-existing Disorders (Christchurch)
  • Advanced Topics in Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy
  • Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (Wellington)
  • Bioethics (Dunedin)
  • Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy (Wellington)
  • Human Nutrition (Dunedin)
  • Mental Health (Christchurch)
  • Musculoskeletal Management (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Primary Health Care) (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Rural Nursing) (Christchurch)
  • Occupational Health (Dunedin)
  • Pain and Pain Management (Christchurch)
Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Technology endorsed in:
  • Cardiology (Wellington)
  • Sleep Medicine (Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Musculoskeletal Medicine (Christchurch)
Postgraduate Diploma in Neuropsychology
Postgraduate Diploma in Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology (Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Medicine (Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Ophthalmic Basic Sciences (Dunedin)
Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Health Care
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health
Postgraduate Diploma in Rehabilitation (Wellington)
Postgraduate Diploma in Rural and Provincial Hospital Practice (Dunedin)
Postgraduate Diploma in Sport and Exercise Medicine (Dunedin)
Postgraduate Diploma in Surgical Anatomy (Dunedin)
Postgraduate Diploma in Travel Medicine (Wellington)
Master of Advanced Nursing Practice (Christchurch)
Master of Aviation Medicine (Wellington)
Master of Bioethics and Health Law (Dunedin)
Master of Clinical Pharmacy (Dunedin)
Master of General Practice (Dunedin, Wellington)
Master of Health Sciences endorsed in:
  • Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport (Wellington)
  • Aviation Medicine (Wellington)
  • Bioethics (Dunedin)
  • Health Management (Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington)
  • Human Nutrition (Dunedin)
  • Mental Health (Christchurch)
  • Musculoskeletal Management (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Christchurch)
  • Nursing (Clinical) (Christchurch)
  • Occupational Health (Dunedin)
  • Occupational Medicine (Wellington)
  • Pain and Pain Management (Christchurch)
  • Rehabilitation (Wellington)
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Master of Oral Health (Dunedin)
Master of Primary Health Care (Wellington)
Master of Public Health
Master of Travel Medicine (Wellington)
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Doctor of Philosophy in Aviation Medicine (Wellington)
Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Medicine (Wellington)
Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation (Wellington)