

"I chose to study for a MAdvNP because I wanted to extend my knowledge and skills and contribute more effectively in my role as a registered nurse. I enjoy expanding my knowledge and applying it to practice to help me make comprehensive assessments, generate diagnoses and initiate interventions. The learning has helped me gain confidence in my work.



"Distance learning has worked well for me. The staff are always helpful, be it lecturers, librarians, IT technicians or administrative personnel. Learning by distance has also allowed me to be with my family while studying, except when I have to attend study blocks."

**Caroline Gander**  
Studying for a Master of Advanced Nursing Practice

"As a Nurse Practitioner (NP) in primary health, I remain up-to-date and clinically skilled. My role as an NP augments my ability to teach the NP papers from not only a theoretical foundation but a clinical knowledge and skill base.



"I enjoy teaching the programme and watching the students' progression towards the NP competencies. By the end of the programme, the students can recognise their advancement and articulate the NP role and how it will meet the needs of their patients. For many, this is a significant moment, and it's a privilege to be a small part of their journey.

"I also enjoy the support and additional skills provided by the amazing team of NPs involved in the programme and the students' education benefits from this broad knowledge base and expertise."

**Shirley Harris**  
Senior Lecturer and Nurse Practitioner

## About the Centre

The Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies at the University of Otago, Christchurch specialises in postgraduate nursing education and research. Postgraduate study at the Centre is focused on building a strong foundation for advanced practice and leadership roles that are directed towards the future of health and the nursing profession. Our academic staff are registered nurses whose teaching is informed by professional practice and research. We work collaboratively with health sector leaders to ensure quality academic and research-driven nursing programmes. Otago's long-established reputation for world-class research underpins the Centre's aim to build a nursing research programme of international significance that provides evidence for practice. The Centre is approved as an educational provider by the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ).

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# Master of Advanced Nursing Practice (MAdvNP)

Nurse Practitioner – Mātanga Tapuhi



# Preparing registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse practitioners (NP).



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The MAdvNP is a focused pathway of study toward the Nurse Practitioner *Mātanga Tapuhi* (authorised prescriber) scope of practice under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCAA) 2003.

The degree is underpinned by mastery learning principles, and builds on the nurse's relevant clinical and professional practice. It provides opportunities for candidates to meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies for Nurse Practitioners (NCNZ 2017).

## Why study the Master of Advanced Nursing Practice at Otago?

- Otago has 15+ years' experience providing NP education.
- The programme is taught by experienced NPs and clinicians.
- It has a broad focus for the authorised scope of NP as described by the Nursing Council of New Zealand.
- You will learn in a research-driven, quality blended learning environment.
- The Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies is ranked in the top 100 nursing schools in the world (QS rankings 2021).

## Key information

The prescribing practicums involve completing supervised clinical experience with an authorised prescriber in relevant health service organisations. Applicants must provide evidence of employer support in accommodating their clinical learning, and identify the population(s) that will be the focus for their learning and future practice.

## Entry requirements

Completed a Postgraduate Diploma with B-grade average.

Students must be a New Zealand registered nurse who is practicing clinically in a relevant field. For detailed requirements see:

[otago.ac.nz/madvnp](http://otago.ac.nz/madvnp)

Contact the Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies for advice regarding your study pathway, and visit the Nursing Council of New Zealand website for information about the competencies and requirements for NP:

[nursingcouncil.org.nz](http://nursingcouncil.org.nz)

## Career opportunities

Nurse Practitioners work with healthcare teams; community, aged care, primary care and hospital inpatient or outpatient settings.

Self-employment as an autonomous nurse practitioner; ownership of a primary health practice, locum positions, or employee in a health practice.

Nurse practitioner in the NGO or private health sectors; family planning, specialty community providers such as Māori and Pasifika.

## Degree structure

The 240-point programme is a taught degree consisting of eight papers: five taught papers, one clinical research project and two prescribing practicums.

Normally the degree is completed in three steps, commencing with a 60-point postgraduate certificate, undertaking a further 60-points leads to a 120-point postgraduate diploma, before progressing to the final 120 points totalling the 240-point Master's qualification.

## Core concept papers

NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice

NURS 416 Nursing – Applied Pharmacology

NURS 427 Long-Term Conditions: Pathophysiology and Management

NURS 435 Evidence Based Nursing Practice

## Specialty practice paper options

Select one of the following or contact your Programme Co-ordinator for further options.

NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice

NURS 411 Nursing – High Acuity

NURS 413 Primary Health Care Nursing Rural/Urban

NURS 426 Nursing – Gerontology

NURS 431 Rural Nursing

## Clinical research project

NURS 531 Clinical Research Project

## Two prescribing practicums

NURS 434 Therapeutics: Knowledge and integration \* and

NURS 530 Nurse Practitioner Prescribing Practicum (this must be the last paper studied)

*\*Completion of NURS 429 Therapeutics for Advanced Nursing may be considered for a 30 pt exemption*

