

POSTGRADUATE



University of Otago, Christchurch

Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies

Te Pokapū Paerua Nēhi

A prospectus for registered nurses
considering postgraduate study



Welcome to Nursing at the University of Otago

Tēnā koutou katōa – greetings to you all from the Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies.

Established in 2000, the Centre specialises in postgraduate education for registered nurses. For those looking to begin a nursing career we also offer the Master of Nursing Science – a full-time graduate entry programme that provides an intensive pathway to the nursing profession in two years.

As a student in the Centre you will undertake programmes that are relevant to your clinical practice and allow you to make a contribution to the profession and to improving health outcomes for the population.

For registered nurses wishing to advance their practice we offer clinically focused postgraduate certificates and diplomas, and masters' and PhD qualifications. We recognise that as health practitioners you need to balance your academic and professional commitments so offer on-campus study blocks supported by online learning and access to student support services.

As postgraduate students you will benefit from the research and learning collaborations the Centre has established with leaders in clinical fields and research in Health Sciences at the University of Otago, national and international academic colleagues, and partners in the health sector. The Centre is approved as an educational provider by the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ).

This prospectus is an introduction to our Master of Health Sciences nursing programmes and the new Master of Advanced Nursing Practice for the preparation of nurse practitioners and is intended as a general guide.

I wish you well in your studies.

Ngā mihi nui

Associate Professor Philippa Seaton
Director



The decision to undertake postgraduate study is a bold declaration that you intend to be a serious participant in your chosen field.

Programmes of study

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences – Nursing Endorsements

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

Nursing (High Acuity)

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

Nursing (Primary Health Care)

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

Nursing (Leadership and Management)

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

Nursing (Gerontology)

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

Advanced Clinical Nursing

NURS 405 Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Practice
One of:

NURS 416 Nursing – Applied Pharmacology or
NURS 427 Long-term Conditions: Pathophysiology and Management

Nursing (Advanced Mental Health)

NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice
NURS 404 Advanced Mental Health Nursing

Nursing (Specialty Mental Health)

NURS 403 Mental Health Nursing Practice
NURS 409 Mental Health Nursing Practicum

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing)

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

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

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

and: one further approved paper (30 points).

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

Two compulsory 30-point papers

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

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

and: one further approved paper (30 points).

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Rural Nursing)

Three compulsory 30-point papers

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

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

Programmes of study

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

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

Four compulsory papers as below:

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

Master of Advanced Nursing Practice

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

Two compulsory papers (30 points each) as below:

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

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

and: two prescribing practicums (60 points)

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

Master of Health Sciences

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

Masters' Nursing Endorsements

Master of Health Sciences (Nursing)

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

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

and: a further approved paper (30 points)

and: a thesis (120 points).

Master of Health Sciences (Nursing Clinical)

1. Research practicum pathway

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

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

and: a research practicum (120 points).

2. Coursework pathway

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

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

and: two further approved papers (60 points)

and: a clinically applied dissertation (60 points).

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

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

otago.ac.nz/phd-handbook

Prospective students should contact the Director, Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies: nursingstudies.uoc@otago.ac.nz

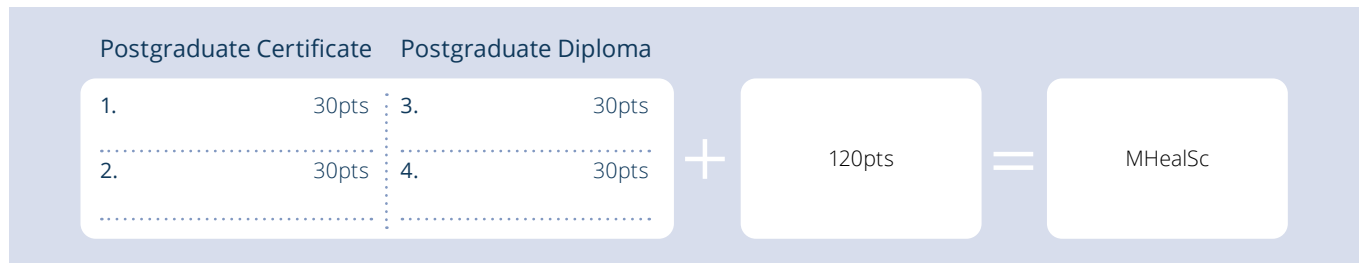
Planning your programme of study

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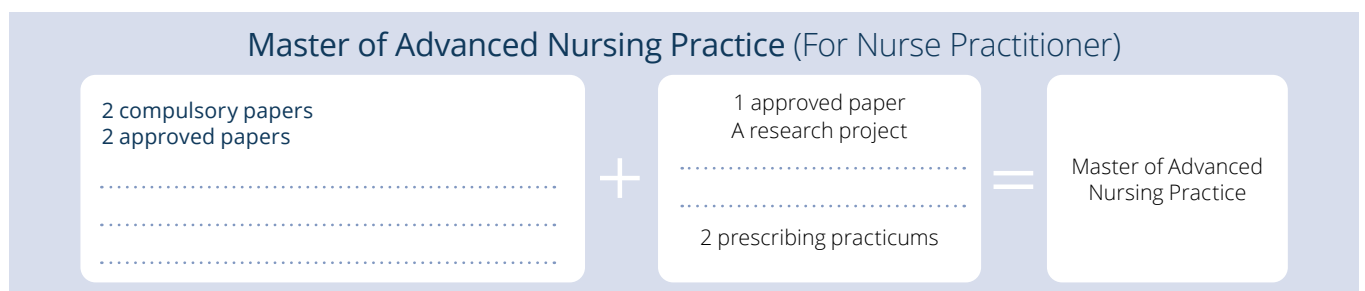
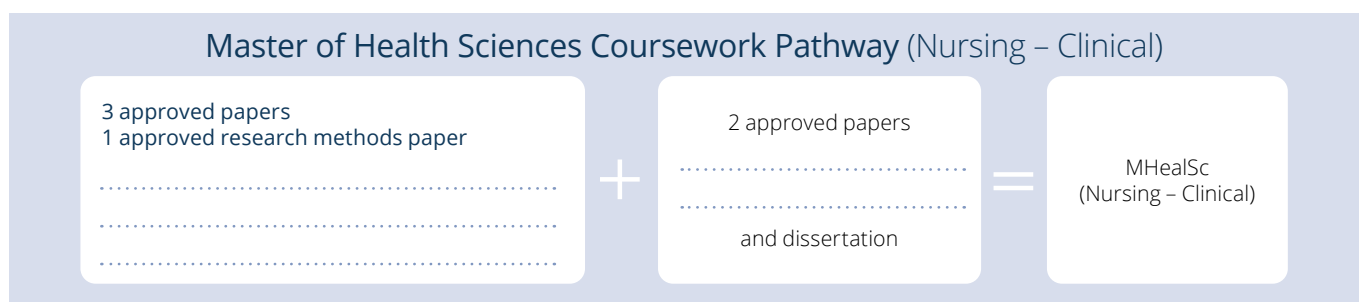
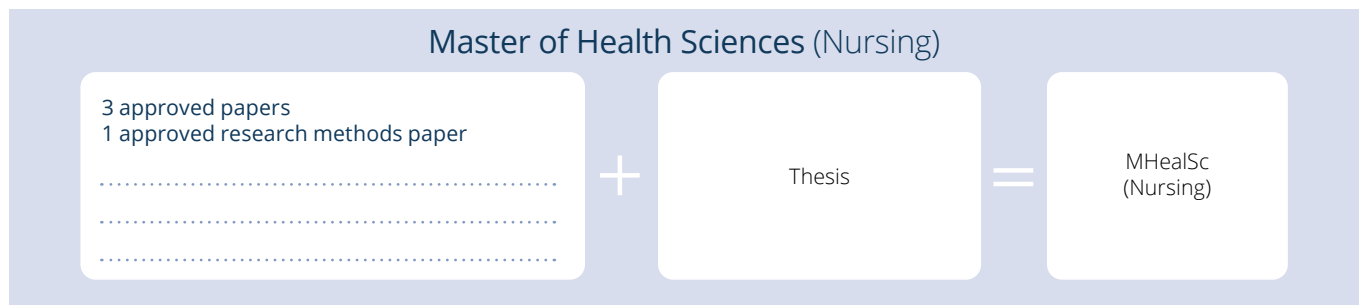
Notes

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

Completed by:



Master of Health Sciences Nursing Endorsements



List of papers offered (all 30 points)

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

**Limited to Master of Advanced Nursing Practice.

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

All study, application and admission information can be found at:

otago.ac.nz/qualifications



Admission

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

otago.ac.nz/qualifications

Student services and support

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

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

otago.ac.nz/services

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

otago.ac.nz/christchurch

Library

Students may use any of the University Otago libraries on the Christchurch, Dunedin or Wellington campuses. A specialist Medical and Health Sciences library is located on the Christchurch campus offering a place to study including group study rooms.

otago.ac.nz/library

Scholarships

otago.ac.nz/scholarships

Fees

otago.ac.nz/tuition-fees

Graduation

otago.ac.nz/graduation

Registered nurses enrolling to study with us may be eligible for Health Workforce New Zealand funding through their employers.



Postgraduate studies in Nursing

Why choose Otago?

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

Postgraduate study 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.

The Centre is approved as an educational provider by the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ). Programmes offered are aligned with national health policy directives, and are responsive to the increasingly complex healthcare needs of our communities.

We offer both a pre-registration nursing master's degree and programmes for postgraduate advanced practice roles and a pathway to both nurse prescribing and nurse practitioner scopes of practice.

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

Study blocks for advanced practice papers take place in Christchurch but may be offered in other regions depending on enrolment numbers.

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

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The Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies is ranked in the top 100 nursing schools in the world (QS ratings, 2020).

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

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

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