

Postgraduate Certificate in Specialty Care

The two-paper programme can be completed over two years. All papers are 17 weeks in duration and each paper is offered in either semester one or semester two, and is combination of online and three, two-day block tutorials delivered at the Whitireia Porirua or Auckland Campus. All papers are NZQA accredited at level 8 and approved by Nursing Council New Zealand.

This programme reflects current and developing research-based practice, in relation to health care delivery. The programme places the client and their whānau/family as the focus of care and acknowledges the importance of interdisciplinary teamwork and quality improvement within health service delivery. Theoretical constructs that support a holistic and recovery based approach to care are presented in an empowering learning environment.

Postgraduate Nursing and Health Studies have developed a suite of optional papers to allow for a programme of study that best meets individual student's need. Optional papers under the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialty Care are:

Papers	Content
Specialty Practice (45 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theoretical Constructs, Recovery/Specialty Knowledge, Professional Practice, Specialty Practice
Forensic Practice 1 (45 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parameters of Forensic Psychiatric Practice, Approaches to Forensic Psychiatric Practice,
Primary Mental Health Care (45 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine professional responsibility in the delivery of specialty primary mental health care integrating theory, research, clinical assessment, judgement and decision making.
Pacific Health (45 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Socio Political Context, Determinants of Health, Professional Practice and Responsibility
Clinical Leadership (45 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Leadership, Professional Practice, Quality Assurance in Specialty Practice
Forensic Practice 2 (45 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues in Forensic Psychiatric Practice, Leadership in Forensic Psychiatric Practice
Dual Disability (Intellectual Disability & Mental Health) (45 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Socio Political Context of New Zealand, Psychopathology / Solution Focussed Care, Professional Practice and Responsibility, Legislation and the Judiciary System
Introduction to Talking Therapies (45 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context and Workplace Application, Personal and Professional Issues, Approaches, Concepts & Skills

See over page for entry requirements and 2012 timetable

Entry Requirements:

Registered health professional/counsellor, NZ practising certificate, Bachelor degree or equivalent, and employment in relevant clinical service for minimum 3 days (22.5 hours) per week.

Paper	Campus	Paper Start	1st Tutorial	2nd Tutorial	3rd Tutorial	Paper End
Semester One						
HSC8601 Specialty Practice	Porirua	19 th Mar 12	20 th -21 st Mar 12	13 th Jun 12	18 th Apr 12	29 th Jun 12
HSC8603 Forensic Practice 1	Porirua	19 th Mar 12	20 th -21 st Mar 12	13 th Jun 12	18 th Apr 12	29 th Jun 12
HSC8605 Primary Mental Health Care	Porirua	19 th Mar 12	20 th -21 st Mar 12	13 th Jun 12	18 th Apr 12	29 th Jun 12
HSC8611 Pacific Health	Auckland	13 th -14 th Feb 12	19 th -20 th Mar 12	7 th -8 th May 12		4 th Jun 12
Semester Two						
HSC8602 Clinical Leadership	Porirua	30 th Jul 12	31 st Jul-1 st Aug 12	23 rd Oct 12	12 th Sept 12	9 th Nov 12
HSC8604 Forensic Practice 2	Porirua	30 th Jul 12	31 st Jul-1 st Aug 12	23 rd Oct 12	12 th Sept 12	9 th Nov 12
HSC8606 Dual Disability	Porirua	30 th Jul 12	31 st Jul-1 st Aug 12	23 rd Oct 12	12 th Sept 12	9 th Nov 12
HSC8612 Introduction to Talking Therapies	Porirua	30 th Jul 12	31 st Jul-1 st Aug 12	23 rd Oct 12	12 th Sept 12	9 th Nov 12
HSC8611 Pacific Health	Porirua	TBC	TBC	TBC		TBC