

Postgraduate Health & Social



Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing

📖	Level 8
🕒	1 year, full-time
💰	\$5,020 (indicative for 2023 intake)
🌐	\$28,000* (indicative for 2023 intake)

This clinically focussed programme is designed for registered nurses choosing to focus on extending their knowledge on Nursing or Mental Health and Addiction. Credits may be gained towards Master's study.

Programme outline

The Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing takes a registered nurse's existing knowledge and experience and builds on it in a learning environment that ensures the supported acquisition of knowledge and skills. Students attend theory blocks and/or tutorials at the Porirua campus, or in their workplace environments.

More detail about this qualification

Mental Health and Addiction Strand (including change of scope of practice)

This programme is offered to registered nurses in their first year of practice in mental health and addiction settings or registered nurses wanting to change their scope of practice to include mental health nursing. Te Pou funding is available for nurses employed in a Ministry of Health-funded mental health service for a minimum of 0.7 FTE per week.

HSC8316: Contemporary Mental Health and Addiction Nursing (60 credits)

In this course you will explore the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of contemporary mental health and addictions practice within New Zealand, as well as exploring the socio-political and professional issues influencing mental health and addiction, and how these issues relate to clinical practice.

HCS8326: Professional Practice in Mental Health and Addiction Nursing (60 credits)

This course will provide you with supported entry into specialty mental health and addiction nursing, through the development of confidence and competence within

the professional practice setting.

Course outlines

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Entry requirements

Registered nurses with a current New Zealand practising certificate, Bachelor degree or equivalent; currently employed in a relevant clinical setting.

Change of scope strand must have approval from the Nursing Council of New Zealand.

International

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

**International fee displayed is for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits) and does not include insurance, administration and student service fees. For more details, please email: international@wandw.ac.nz.*

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