

Postgraduate Nursing Stroke Specialty – 2020

A pathway for postgraduate study for Registered Nurses.

A three step qualification approved by Nursing Council of New Zealand

- each step ends in a qualification, can be followed by a pause or leads on directly to the next.
- B Grade Average (GPAS) needs to be achieved to progress on to Masters.

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences

60 points – 2 years part-time

Recommended* Courses

NURSING 770	Clinical Practice Development (new graduates only)	30 pts
OR NURSING 773	Advanced Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	
NURSING 742	Biological Science for Practice	30 pts

60 pts

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

Advanced Nursing 60 points – 2 years part-time

Recommended* Courses

Alternative course options are available. Please seek course advice. Choose 60pts.		
NURSPRAC 705	Stroke Specialty Nursing	30 pts
NURSING 785	Clinical Reasoning in Pharmacotherapeutics (Prerequisites: NURSING 770 or NURSING 773 and NURSING 742.)	30 pts
NURSPRAC 717	Practicum for RN Designated Prescribing (Prerequisite: NURSING 785.)	30 pts

120 pts

Master of Nursing

120 points

Option 1	Research Masters Thesis (120 pts) OR Research Portfolio (120 pts)
Option 2	Research Masters Research Portfolio (90 pts) AND 30 pts of courses
Option 3	Dissertation (60 pts) AND 60 pts of courses

240 pts

*A range of courses may also be taken to complete Master of Nursing and all students are encouraged to seek academic advice about course changes/options that reflect personal preferences. If completing a Master of Nursing with a Thesis or Research Portfolio, then a research course is a prerequisite. To be eligible for NURSPRAC courses, registered nurses are required to have a minimum of two years of working with clients within the specialty area.



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All of our courses lead to qualifications that are approved by the Nursing Council of New Zealand and therefore are eligible for funding by Health Workforce New Zealand.

Postgraduate Nursing Stroke Specialty – 2020

This information describes courses that are appropriate for registered nurses working in **Stroke Nursing**.

These courses can combine to form a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (Advanced Nursing). Students are encouraged to seek academic advice about course changes/options that reflect personal preferences.

NURSPRAC 705 **Stroke Nursing** 30 pts

This course aims to extend knowledge science and understanding relating to nursing clients with strokes. The course will also be focused on promoting an understanding of the wider socio-political and cultural

context and increasing nurses' specialty knowledge and skills in order to plan and deliver client centered care across the continuum of care.

NURSING 742 **Biological Science for Practice** 30 pts

This course explores the associations between risk factors, the underlying pathology, pharmaceutical and lifestyle interventions in the management of patients with common chronic conditions.

NURSING 773 **Advanced Assessment and Clinical Reasoning** **Adult OR Child and young Person Stream** 30 pts

Nurses make a variety of diagnoses in their daily practice. Advanced nursing practice requires skilled health examination, consideration of differential diagnoses and evidence based diagnostic reasoning. This complex cognitive process is developed in relation to skills and knowledge required for sound clinical reasoning.

NURSING 785 **Clinical Reasoning and Pharmacotherapeutics** 30 pts

NURSING 785 offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills related to clinical decision making in pharmacotherapeutic reasoning. Prescribing is a particular thinking process, where the

pharmacological management of patients requires critical thinking based on fundamental principles of pharmacology and therapeutics. The main aim of this paper is to advance student's understanding of the pharmacological profile of the drug and its pharmaceutical,

pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetic properties and how these guide

one's processes of clinical reasoning in prescribing.

Prerequisites: NURSING 742 and NURSING 770 or NURSING 773

NURSPRAC 717 **Practicum for RN Designated Prescribers** 30 pts

NURSPRAC 717 is the final course of the diploma and as a prescribing practicum requires a minimum of 150 hours of clinical practice, under the supervision of a prescribing mentor (senior doctor or nurse practitioner). The placement will be in a clinical practice setting relevant to the area of practice the nurse will prescribe in. Nursprac 717 includes opportunities to develop diagnostic skills, patient consultation and assessment skills, clinical decision-making and monitoring skills.

Prerequisites: NURSING 742, NURSING 770 or NURSING 773 and NURSING 785

Other recommended courses that can be combined towards your course of study can include, but are not limited to:

NURSING 732 Leading and Managing Changes in Health Care 30 pts

NURSING 735 Clinical education Practicum 30 pts

NURSING 741 education for Clinical Practice 30 pts

NURSING 745 Principles of Medication Management 30 pts

NURSING 746 evidence-based Practice and Implementation 30 pts

NURSING 775 Leadership and Management for Quality Health Care 30 pts

NURSING 782 Research Methods in Nursing and Health 30 pts

HLTHSCI 700 People Living with Long-Term Conditions 30 pts

HLTHSCI 701 Self-Management for People Living with Long-Term Conditions 30 pts

HLTHSCI 702 Principles of Primary Care 30 pts

you are able to choose other relevant courses from the Master of Nursing schedule.