The Master of Nursing (MN) degree prepares nurses for advanced practice roles in the exciting and changing environment of the New Zealand healthcare system. This study will also support you, as a nurse, to achieve ongoing professional development requirements.

Most nurses like you undertaking postgraduate study are in clinical practice and they study part time.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates are required to be registered nurses, normally holding a current practising certificate from the Nursing Council of New Zealand, with two years’ relevant specialty practice within five years of admission to the programme. You must have completed a Bachelor’s degree from a New Zealand tertiary institution, or apply for admission with equivalent status, on the basis of tertiary study and/or professional experience.

If you have recently completed a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing, you may be credited with up to 60 credits or 120 credits, respectively, to the Master of Nursing.

**PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

The Master of Nursing degree is an integrated programme structured to develop advanced knowledge and skills in the selected field of study through a mix of theoretical papers, clinical practicum or project. The degree is awarded without endorsement, except for an endorsement in the Neonatal field of practice.

The course of study is an approved selection of papers comprising 240 credits including:

**Compulsory papers:**
- 168.810 Health Research Design and Method
- 168.728 Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making
- 168.733 Physiology and Pathophysiology
- 168.734 Clinical Pharmacology

At least 30 Credits from:
- 168.850 Prescribing Practicum for Nurses
- 168.851 Practicum
- 168.895 Research Report (30)

Up to 90 credits from the list of nursing programme papers or other postgraduate papers as approved by the Director of Postgraduate Nursing programmes:
- 147.704 Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation
- 150.701 Tino Rangatiratanga: Strategic Māori Development
- 150.702 Mauri Ora: Māori Mental Health
- 152.742 Health Systems Management
- 168.703 Managing Lifelong Conditions
- 168.709 Contemporary Trends in Clinical Teaching and Learning
- 168.712 Pain Management
- 168.714 Assessment and Therapeutic Intervention in Mental Health
- 168.717 Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Professional Practice
- 168.719 Clinical Specialty: Older Persons’ Health
- 168.720 Clinical Specialty: Mental Health
- 168.722 Wound Management
- 168.724 Primary Health Care Nursing
- 168.731 Leadership in Nursing
- 168.791 Special Topic I
- 168.795 Special Topic V
- 252.701 Sleep and Circadian Science for Health Practitioners

**NEONATAL ENDORSEMENT**

The Master of Nursing Neonatal papers are:
- 168.810 Health Research, Design & Method
- 168.725 Neonatal Science and Clinical Care of the Neonate I
- 168.726 Neonatal Science and Clinical Care of the Neonate II
- 168.729 Neonatal and Family Assessment and Practice
- 168.734 Clinical Pharmacology
- 168.853 Advanced Neonatal Nursing Practicum

plus 60 credits from the papers listed above.

You are advised to discuss the programme structure with the Director of Postgraduate Nursing Programmes to ensure your needs are fully met.

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CHOICES FOR NURSES STUDYING AT MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Registered nurses studying may follow one of several pathways:

1. ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE
   This Nursing Council approved, clinically-based Master of Nursing (MN) Programme is a 240 credit degree comprising eight papers. The following five compulsory papers are:
   - 168.733 Physiology and Pathophysiology
   - 168.728 Assessment and Clinical Decision Making
   - 168.734 Clinical Pharmacology
   - 168.810 Research Design and Method
   - 168.850 Prescribing Practicum

   The Prescribing Practicum (168.850) is provided as an option for nurses working towards Nurse Practitioner Status.

   In addition, three optional papers are selected from the MN schedule. Some examples are:
   - 168.730 Mental Health
   - 168.734 Clinical Pharmacology
   - 168.731 Leadership in Nursing
   - 168.732 Wound Management
   - 168.729 Neonatal and Family Assessment and Practice

   For students who have not studied for some time, or who are unsure if they want to enroll in a Master degree, the programme includes:
   - A Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing - 2 papers (60 credits)
   - A Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing - 4 papers (120 credits)

   These can be undertaken as part of a Master of Nursing degree or as stand alone qualifications.

2. EDUCATION OR RESEARCH
   Registered nurses studying may follow one of several pathways:
   - ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE
   - EDUCATION OR RESEARCH

   The programme provides registered nurses with relevant knowledge to develop their professional practice within a clinical specialty.

   CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
   - The Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing enables registered nurses to undertake clinical papers at postgraduate level which meet the requirements for continuing professional education.
   - The Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing enables registered nurses to undertake clinically focused papers at postgraduate level to develop skills and expertise for advanced practice.

   ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
   - Programme candidates must be registered nurses, normally holding a current practising certificate from the Nursing Council of New Zealand.
   - Candidates must have completed a Bachelor’s degree from a New Zealand tertiary institution, or apply for admission to postgraduate study, on the basis of work experience and professional development.

   PROGRAMME STRUCTURE
   - Papers are selected from those listed in the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing schedule of papers. The Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing can be awarded with endorsements in the following specialty areas:
     - Older Persons’ Health
     - Mental Health
     - Neonatal
     - Primary Health Care
   - The Postgraduate Certificate may also be completed without an endorsement.
   - Postgraduate papers in Nursing are delivered in ‘block mode’ with face-to-face teaching in on-campus blocks, web-based teaching, relevant readings and other study material. This makes the papers available to students in employment and located at a distance from the university.

   POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING (PGCERTNURS)
   AVAILABLE: ALBANY, MANAWATU, WELLINGTON. PAPERS ARE OFFERED IN BLOCK MODE.
   PROGRAMME OVERVIEW
   This programme provides registered nurses with relevant knowledge to develop their professional practice within a clinical specialty.

   POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (PGDIPNURS)
   AVAILABLE: ALBANY, MANAWATU, WELLINGTON. PAPERS ARE OFFERED IN BLOCK MODE.
   PROGRAMME OVERVIEW
   This programme provides registered nurses with relevant knowledge to develop and advance their professional practice within a clinical specialty.

   CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
   - The Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (PGDipNurs) provides a programme of professional education relevant to practice in the changing environment of the New Zealand health care system. Most students undertaking postgraduate study in Nursing are in practice and study part-time. They initially enroll in the postgraduate diploma seeking further development of clinical knowledge and skills. Some will exit with a Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits). Others will continue studying to complete a Master of Nursing degree as preparation for advanced roles and/or Nurse Practitioner status.
   - Graduates exiting at Postgraduate Diploma-level are prepared within a clinical specialty and may undertake further postgraduate study upon moving to another specialty field of practice.

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   - Programme candidates must be registered nurses, normally holding a current practising certificate from the Nursing Council of New Zealand.
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   PROGRAMME STRUCTURE
   - Papers are selected from those listed in the Master of Nursing degree schedule of papers. The Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing can be awarded with endorsements in the following specialty areas:
     - Older Persons’ Health
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   The Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing Neonatal papers are:
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   - 168.728 Neonatal and Family Assessment and Practice

   Plus one 30 credit paper from the Master of Nursing schedule

   MASTER OF NURSING (MN)
   AVAILABLE: ALBANY, MANAWATU, WELLINGTON. PAPERS ARE OFFERED IN BLOCK MODE.
   PROGRAMME OVERVIEW
   The programme will:
   - Prepare Nurse Practitioners to practise within broad fields of practice
   - Prepare graduates who are able to be credentialed for prescribing rights within their field of practice by the Nursing Council of New Zealand
   - Provide for the development of advanced clinical specialty knowledge within broad fields of practice.

   The programme is informed by research and draws on clinical expertise of nurses and other health professionals working in each clinical specialty to develop papers, co-teach, co-research and assess student work.

   The establishment of joint appointments with health agencies and in selected specialty fields makes this collaborative process possible.