The Degree of Master of Advanced Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) (MAdvNurs – 240 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

1. Version

(a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2025.
(b) This degree was first offered in 2025.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Master of Advanced Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), a student must be credited with a minimum of 240 points towards the qualification, comprising:

(a) Part I: 120 points of coursework as specified in Schedule C Group 1 to these Regulations; and
(b) Part II: 120 points of coursework, as specified in Schedule C Group 2 to these Regulations.

HLTH673 may be substituted with an alternative equivalent course approved by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Advanced Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), a student must:

(a) have satisfied the Admission Regulations for the University; and
(b) for Part I: have either:
    i. qualified for an Aotearoa New Zealand undergraduate Nursing degree with a minimum B Grade Point Average in 300-level courses; and
    ii. have a recognised nursing qualification requiring at least three years full-time tertiary study with a minimum B Grade Point Average; or
    iii. have successfully completed a qualifying course(s) prescribed by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate; or
    iv. have been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing as fulfilling these requirements; and
(c) have a current Registered Nurse practicing certificate from the Nursing Council of New Zealand | Te Kaunihere Tapuhi o Aotearoa; and
(d) have three years' equivalent full-time practice as a Registered Nurse in the area in which they intend to prescribe. At least one year of practice must be in New Zealand and have access to an approved clinical placement with mentorship by an authorised prescriber (Nurse Practitioner or Medical Practitioner); and
(e) have been approved as a student by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate.
(f) For entry to Part II, must have either:
    i. met the requirements for Part I with a minimum B Grade Point Average; or
    ii. qualified for a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing, or an equivalent postgraduate qualification with a minimum B Grade Point Average; and
(g) have a current Registered Nurse practicing certificate from the Nursing Council of New Zealand | Te Kaunihere Tapuhi o Aotearoa; and
(h) have access to an approved clinical placement with mentorship by an authorised prescriber (Nurse Practitioner or Medical Practitioner); and
(i) have been approved as a student for the Master of Advanced Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate based on relevance and standard of previous study and professional experience.

5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors, or endorsements for this qualification.

6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is:

(a) a maximum completion time of 48 months for a student enrolled in Part I; and
(b) a maximum completion time of 36 months for a student enrolled in Part II; and
(c) a student must complete within the timeframe stipulated by the Nursing Council of New Zealand | Te Kaunihere Tapuhi o Aotearoa to be eligible to apply for registration.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations with the following stipulation:

(a) With prior approval from the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate, a student enrolled in Part I may be credited up to 60 points of equivalent postgraduate level courses from another school, department, faculty or from another university or tertiary institute.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

(a) A student who fails more than 30 points will be withdrawn from the qualification.
(b) For progression to NURS664 have access to an approved clinical placement in the area they intend to prescribe with mentorship by an authorised prescriber (Nurse Practitioner or Medical Practitioner).
(c) For NURS694 have access to an approved clinical placement in the area they intend to prescribe with mentorship by an authorised prescriber (Nurse Practitioner or Medical Practitioner).

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

(a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Master of Advanced Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), may apply to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research to be admitted to the DHSc or PhD programme.
(b) A student for the Master of Advanced Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) who has not met the requirements for the degree who wishes to transfer to the Master of Health Sciences or the Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice, may apply to the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate to withdraw from the degree and have credits transferred.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Master of Advanced Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

For full course information, go to courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz

Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
HLTH661	Advanced Pathophysiology	30	X1	UC Online	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean (Academic)
HLTH662	Advanced Health Assessment	30	X3	UC Online	P: Subject to approval from Associate Dean (Academic)
HLTH663	Advanced Pharmacology	30	X1	UC Online	P: Subject to approval by Associate Dean (Academic)
NURS664	RN Prescribing Practicum	30	X3	UC Online	P: HLTH661, HLTH662, HLTH663 and Subject to approval of Associate Dean (Academic).

Group 2

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
HLTH673	Advanced Professional Practice	30	X3	UC Online	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean (Academic).
HLTH692	Evidence for Clinical Practice	30	X1	UC Online	P: Subject to approval of Associate Dean (Academic) R: HLTH464
NURS694	Nurse Practitioner Practicum	60	X1	UC Online	P: HLTH671, HLTH691 and subject to the approval of the Associate Dean (Academic).