

# College of Education, Health and Human Development | Te Rāngai Ako me te Hauora

## Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHealSc - 120 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 2018.
- (b) This Diploma was first offered in 2005.

### 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Dean of Education and Health Sciences may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

### 3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences a student must:

- (a) be credited with a minimum of 120 points towards the qualification; and
- (b) either:
  - i. be credited with courses listed in Schedule A to these Regulations for an unendorsed qualification; or
  - ii. be credited with courses listed in Schedule B to these Regulations for an endorsed qualification.

Enrolment in courses requiring community or clinical placements will be subject to approval of the relevant Programme Coordinator.

### 4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences a student must have:

- (a) satisfied the Admission Regulations for admission to the University; and
- (b) either:
  - i. qualified for a degree, with a B Grade Point Average or better, in a New Zealand tertiary education organisation which is relevant to health sciences and the proposed programme of study; or
  - ii. an appropriate health or allied professional qualification requiring at least three years full-time tertiary study at an appropriate level; or
  - iii. successfully completed a qualifying course prescribed by the Dean of Education and Health Sciences; or
  - iv. presented evidence of ability for advanced level academic study; or
  - v. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (c) been approved as a student by the Dean of Education and Health Sciences.

### 5. Subjects

The Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences may be unendorsed or endorsed in the endorsements listed in the Schedules to these Regulations.

### 6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 48 months.

### 7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

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

- (a) With the approval of the Dean of Education and Health Sciences, up to 30 points of relevant and equivalent postgraduate level courses may be credited from another school, department, College, or from another university or tertiary institute.

### 8. Progression

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

A student may not fail more than 30 points in this qualification.

### 9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

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

### 10. Pathways to other qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences but has not yet graduated, may apply to the Dean of Education and Health Sciences to be admitted to the following qualifications and have credits transferred to the:
- Master of Health Sciences: or
  - Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice
- (b) A student who has graduated with the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences from the University of Canterbury, may apply to the Dean of Education and Health Sciences to be admitted to the Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice and have their Diploma subsumed in accordance with the General Regulations to the University.
- (c) Admission to the Master of Health Sciences or Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice will be based on having met the relevant requirements for entry.
- (d) A student for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences who has not met the requirements for the Diploma or who wishes to transfer to the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences, may apply to the Dean of Education and Health Sciences to withdraw from the Diploma and be awarded the Certificate.

## Schedule to the Regulations for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

Courses may also be selected from within the following subjects, with the approval of the Head of the School of Health Sciences: Applied Psychology, Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemical and Process Engineering, Child and Family Psychology, Civil Engineering, Communication Disorders, Education, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Environmental Science, Geography, History, Human Services, Law, Māori and Indigenous Studies, Mathematics, Natural Resources Engineering, Pacific Studies, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations, Psychology, Public Health, Social Work, Sociology, and Statistics.

#### Notes:

*A list of appropriate courses in each subject is available from the School of Health Sciences. Courses from subjects other than those listed above may also be approved by the Joint Board of Studies: Health.*

*Courses available through the University of Otago's Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences or through other tertiary education institutions, may be approved for credit toward the degree, and may be required for specific endorsed options (see endorsement requirements).*

*Special Topics in Health Sciences have been included to allow development of new courses by academic/adjunct staff in areas of special interest and expertise.*

*For full course information, go to [www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses)*

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2019	P/C/R/PP/EQ
COUN 671	Counselling and Psychology: Theories and Skills	30	W	R: CFPY 604, EDUC 461, EDEM 664, HLTH 481
COUN 678	Group Work: Process and Practice	15	S2	P: COUN 679 R: EDEM 671, HLTH 482
COUN 679	Solution Focused Theory and Skills	15	S1	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of the School of Health Sciences R: EDEM 672, HLTH 483
HLTH 401	Health and Health Systems	30	NO	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 601 EQ: HLTH 601
HLTH 402	Health Information Management	30	S2	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 403	Environmental Health	30	S2	
HLTH 405	Special Topic: Independent Study	30	A	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 605 EQ: HLTH 605
HLTH 406	Special Topic	30	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 606 EQ: HLTH 606
HLTH 407	Bioethics	30	S2	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 433, HLTH 434, HLTH 607, PHIL 325, PHIL 433, PHIL 434, PHIL 474 EQ: HLTH 607
HLTH 408	Special Topic: Independent Study	15	A S2	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 409	Health and Culture	30	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 609
HLTH 410	Health Leadership and Management	30	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 415	Designing and Managing Learning and Supervision in a Health Care Setting	15	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 416	Issues and Processes in Learning and Supervision in a Health Care Setting	15	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: EDCT 701, EDCT 803
HLTH 417	Education Proposal for a Health Context	30	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: EDCT 804
HLTH 420	Early Intervention and Prevention in Public Health	30	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 430	Motivating Behaviour Change I	30	S1	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 431	Motivating Behaviour Change II	30	S2	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School, and HLTH 430
HLTH 433	Bioethics A	15	T3	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 407, HLTH 607, PHIL 474 EQ: PHIL 474
HLTH 434	Bioethics B	15	T4	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 407, HLTH 607, PHIL 325, PHIL 434 EQ: PHIL 434
HLTH 440	Family Health Assessment	30	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 441	Family Health in Complex Situations	30	NO	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 442	Special Topic: Research related to Complementary and Alternative Medicine/Integrated Medicine (CAM/IM)	30	S1	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School

HLTH 448	The Foundation of Hospice Palliative Care	30	X	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 449	Praxis in Hospice Palliative Care	30	X	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 450	Palliative Care: Advanced Theory and Practice	30	X	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH 460	Critical Appraisal in Health Research	30	S1	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 462
HLTH 461	Special Topic	30	S2	P: Subject to approval of the Director, Health Sciences Centre
HLTH 462	Quantitative Methods in Health	15	S2	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH 460
HLTH 469	Health Issues in the Community	30	S2	
HLTH 472	Introduction to Psychometric Theory and Administration	15	S1	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: EDUC 624, HLTH 671
HLTH 482	Group Work: Process and Practice	15	NO	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of the School of Health Sciences. R: EDEM 671, COUN 678
HLTH 483	Solution Focused Theory and Skills	15	NO	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of the School of Health Sciences R: EDEM 672 EQ: COUN 679
HLTH 489	Health Sciences Professional Practice	30	NO	P: 60 points from the Health Sciences Postgraduate Diploma or Masters Schedule and head of Department approval. RP: Individual discussion with proposed academic supervisor.

## Endorsement Requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

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Endorsed Option	Courses Required
Environment and Health	HLTH 403 and HLTH 460, and 60 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule or other relevant approved courses, or GEOG 401 and 30 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule
Health and Community	HLTH 463 and HLTH 469, and 60 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule, or Other relevant approved courses, or GEOG 401 and 30 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule
Health Behaviour Change	HLTH 430 and HLTH 431, and 60 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule
Health Information Management	HLTH 402, and 30 points from HLTH 410, HLTH 489, MBIS 601, MBIS 623, INFO 620, INFO 633, or 30 points from relevant approved courses, and 60 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule
Palliative Care	HLTH 450, HLTH 448 and HLTH 449, and 30 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule Note: A candidate who holds a PG Cert HPC from Whitireia Community Polytechnic may be exempt 60 points in replacement of HLTH 448 and HLTH 449 on application to the Dean of Education, Health and Human Development.