

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH SCIENCE MASTER OF NURSING SCIENCE 2023



Information for international applicants, July - December 2023

Napier Campus

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH SCIENCE

The Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science is a 120 credit (one year full-time), interdisciplinary programme. The Diploma offers a selection of blended delivery courses which provide the opportunity for qualified nurses, health professionals and health service managers to develop advanced practice knowledge and critical analysis skills. This programme can lead directly into the Master of Nursing Science (Registered Nurses only).

This programme features two pathways:

The Registered Nurses Pathway offers an opportunity for overseas registered nurses to work towards a potential pathway for registration in New Zealand.

The Global Health Pathway enables students to investigate the worldwide improvement of health, reduction of health disparities and protection against global threats from an international context.

## MASTER OF NURSING SCIENCE

The Master of Nursing Science is a 180 credit (one and one-half years full time) programme which has been designed for internationally and New Zealand qualified nurses (with a current registration) who wish to further develop their knowledge and skills for career advancement within nursing practice, education and leadership. All courses require a foundation of undergraduate knowledge and skills achieved through previous nursing qualifications.

## CAREER OUTCOMES

Possible job and career opportunities can include:

- Registered Nurse (via Registered Nurse Competence Training Scheme pathway, see page 2)<sup>†</sup>
- Clinical Nurse Specialist<sup>†</sup>
- Nursing Education<sup>†</sup>
- Health Services Manager
- Health Promotion Advisor
- Community Health Support Worker
- Research Assistant
- Tertiary Education Tutor<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> These specialisms require New Zealand Registered Nurse (RN) registration.

## CAREER OUTLOOK

Visit the following websites for the latest information about job opportunities in New Zealand for your chosen career path.

CareersNZ offers a range of tools to help you explore jobs and plan your career: [careers.govt.nz](https://careers.govt.nz)

For extensive information on labour supply and demand for occupations visit: [occupationoutlook.mbie.govt.nz](https://occupationoutlook.mbie.govt.nz)

For information about the Long Term Skill Shortage List visit: [skillshortages.immigration.govt.nz](https://skillshortages.immigration.govt.nz)



“As a nurse, I have a long journey ahead in my profession. I have good knowledge and critical thinking experience due to this programme.”

NADEEKA WEERASINGHE  
MUDIYANSELAGE | Sri Lanka

### Master of Nursing Science

**Start:** 17 July (Napier\*)  
**Length:** 1.5 years full-time  
**Level:** Level 9  
**Credits:** 180  
**IELTS:** 6.5 (academic) with no band lower than 6.0 or equivalent

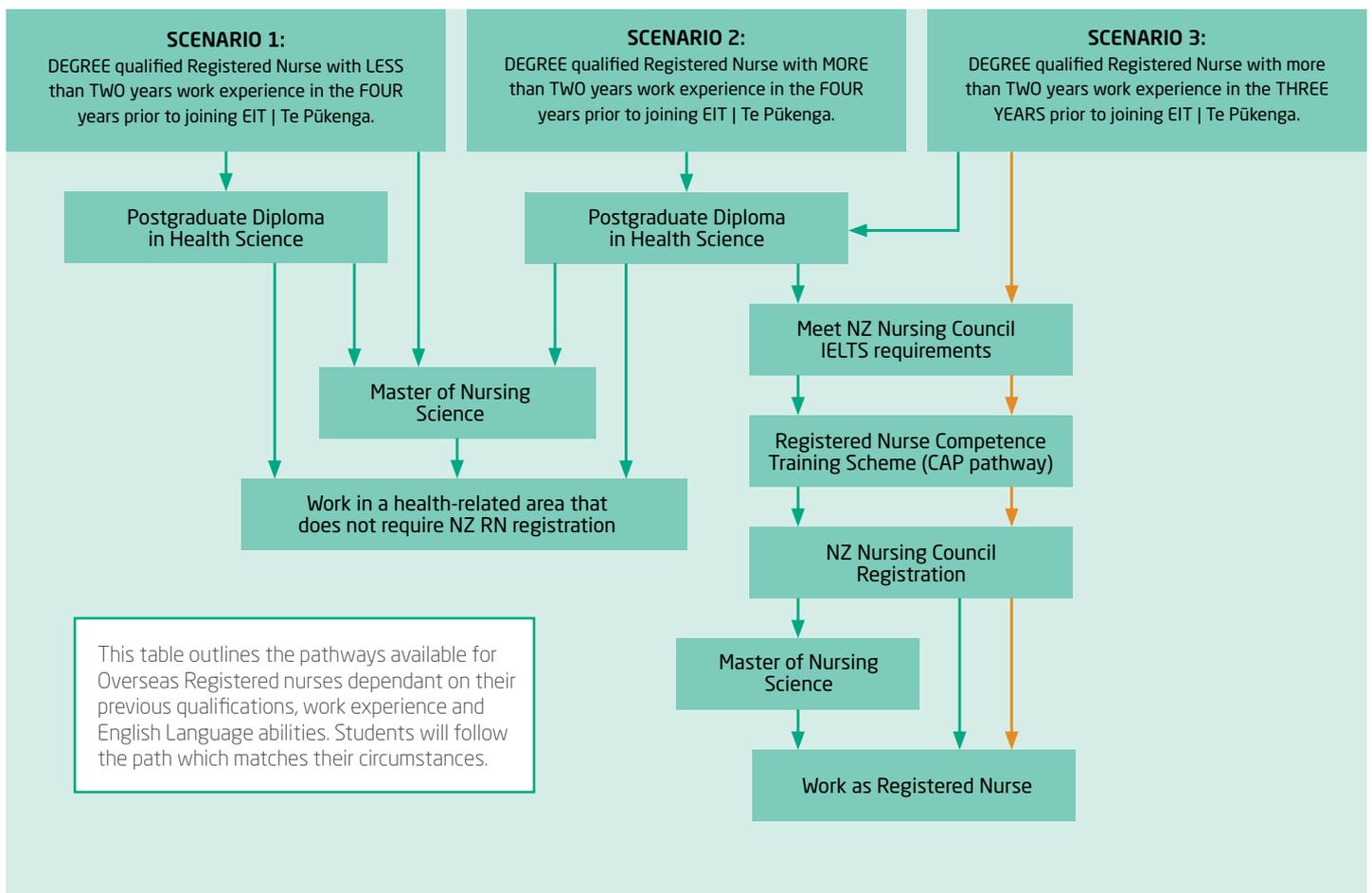
### Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science

**Start:** 17 July (Napier\*)  
**Length:** 1 year full-time  
**Level:** Level 8  
**Credits:** 120  
**IELTS:** 6.5 (academic) with no band lower than 6.0 or equivalent

### Programme Fees

**Fees:** For Semester 2, 2023 tuition fees and information about study grants, please visit the [EIT | Te Pūkenga website](https://eit.tepukenga.ac.nz)

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH SCIENCE: REGISTERED NURSE PATHWAY



## OUTLINE

The Registered Nurses Pathway has been established for internationally qualified nurses who feel they would benefit from New Zealand-based academic and clinical support prior to undertaking the Registered Nurse Competence Training Scheme (CAP) programme.

**Scenario 1:** This pathway is suitable for Registered Nurses (with a current registration) who do not intend to undertake the CAP programme. **Please note this pathway does not give NZ RN registration.**

**Scenario 2:** This pathway is ideal for nurses who do not initially meet the English Language requirement for direct entry into the EIT CAP programme. These students will be supported through the programme and upon completion, those who meet the New Zealand Nursing Council requirements for enrolment into the CAP programme will be guaranteed a place on EIT's CAP programme.

**Scenario 3:** This pathway is suitable for students who meet the requirements for direct entry into CAP. Students can opt to undertake the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science before commencing their CAP programme, or can enrol on completion of the CAP programme.

## COURSE SELECTION FOR THE REGISTERED NURSE PATHWAY

It is recommended that students complete the following courses:

<b>SEMESTER 1:</b>	
• Health in Aotearoa New Zealand	Level 8
• MNSC8.002 Research Paradigms for Nursing Science	Level 8
<b>SEMESTER 2 (To complete Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science):</b>	
• Advanced Pathophysiology for Health Professionals	Level 8
• Choose Elective	Level 8
<b>SEMESTER 2 (To complete Master of Nursing Science):</b>	
• MN8.401 Advanced Pathophysiology for Health Professionals	Level 8
• MNSc9.001 Critical Inquiry for Nursing Practice	Level 9
<b>SEMESTER 3:</b>	
• MNSc9.002 Research Project	Level 9
• Choose Elective	Level 8



## ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Master of Nursing Science (180 Credits)

The requirement for entry is an undergraduate degree in nursing with a New Zealand equivalent Grade B pass or better.

### Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science (120 Credits)

The requirement for entry is one of the following:

- An undergraduate degree in a health-related field with a New Zealand equivalent Grade B pass or better.
- A degree or equivalent professional qualification in a different field if the applicant can supply evidence of work experience at degree level or above within a health-related field, subject to an interview and/or the submission of a portfolio of evidence to establish the status and relevance of the applicant's prior learning and experience.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PTE (Academic) score of 58 with no band score lower than 50 or IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6.0 (or equivalent) achieved within the last 2 years.

## CONTACT TIME

Postgraduate courses are taught through blended delivery on-campus in New Zealand. Blended means part of the course will be communicated and completed online; with the rest consisting of self-directed activities, field work, and on-campus workshops.

While this set of qualifications utilises an online platform (Moodle) for delivery of subject specific knowledge and resources, on-campus students are required to attend various face-to-face sessions throughout each week to support their learning in a blended fashion.

Level 9 courses are principally supervised independent study.

Elective courses from other EIT schools may be delivered using a different modality. You should consult the appropriate school's Postgraduate Handbook and course timetable.

A full time student completing 30 credits in a term or 60 credits in a semester will be expected to attend four hours or eight hours of online classes and workshops per week respectively.

## NON-CONTACT TIME

If studying full-time, you should plan to spend 30 hours of individual study per week.

## ONLINE STUDY REQUIREMENTS

For online study, you must have the following available to be able to utilise the online learning environment and have access to industry:

- Desktop or laptop computer or other appropriate electronic device not older than five years
- Reliable broadband internet connection
- Software as required

When you study online at EIT, you enter your course through the EIT Online website. After logging in, you can access your course materials

such as readings, learning activities and assessments. Online communication tools such as discussion forums and chat let you interact with your teachers and classmates.

You will be supported in how to do this and receive relevant training for specific software.

## ASSESSMENTS

All Level 8 and Level 9 course work assessments are marked internally. Assessments consist of essay assignments, reports, tests, practical demonstrations, presentations, projects and case studies.

Assessments for supervised courses with a credit value of 30 credits or more are independently examined.

It is EIT policy to independently moderate all assessments.

## THE EXPERIENCE YOU NEED & THE SUPPORT TO SUCCEED

When you study at EIT you'll get the kind of experiences that will help you gain the knowledge and skills to get ahead.

You'll also be supported by lecturers and tutors who are here for you, within a learning environment where you are treated as an individual, not just a number. They'll know your name and you'll receive one-on-one attention to make sure you get the support to succeed.

## TIMETABLE

Your study time will be made up of contact time (class times, tutorials, industry-based learning) and non-contact time (your own individual study time, online learning).





## MASTER OF NURSING SCIENCE

The programme is designed to meet the needs of registered nurses (with a current RN registration) who are seeking postgraduate study to prepare them for a variety of advanced nursing practice, nursing education, policy, management and other leadership roles.

The study pathway for the Master of Nursing Science is to complete **four courses from the Level 8 course list; plus two 30-credit courses at Level 9 or the 90 credit Masterate Research Thesis (Level 90), as below.**

### LEVEL 9

MNSc9.001 Critical Inquiry for Nursing Practice (30-credits)

MNSc9.002 Research Project (30-credits)

### OR

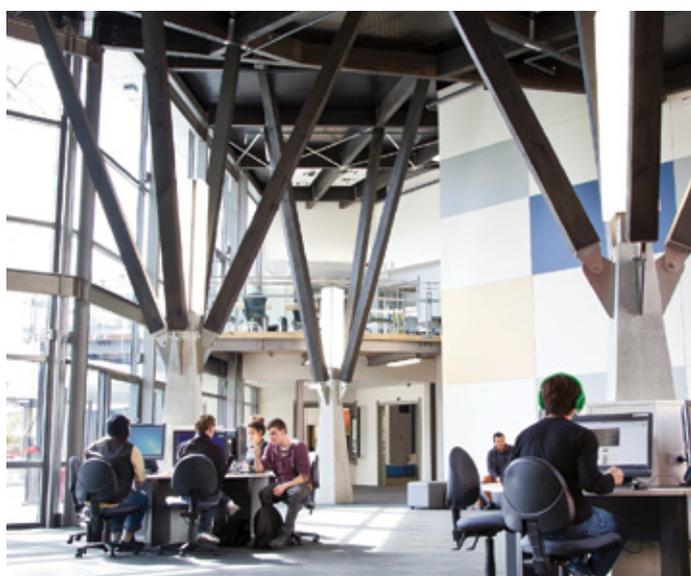
MN9.490 Masterate Research Thesis (90-credits)

## COURSE OPTIONS

NB: Courses may be delivered via teams or online and by lecturers who are based at other campuses. Courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments being received. Courses may differ depending on selected campus. In the following descriptions:

LEVEL 8	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
MN8.401	Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning (N) (Must have a NZ RN APC)	30
MN8.402	Advanced Pathophysiology for Health Professionals	30
MN8.405	Ethical Concepts and Legal Issues for Advanced Practice	30
MN8.409	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Nursing / Midwifery Practice (N) (Must have a NZ RN APC)	30
MN8.411	Advanced Practice to Support Elder Health	30
MN8.417	Advanced Diabetes Nursing	30
MN8.418	Advanced Primary Health Care	30
MN8.424	Registered Nurse Prescribing Practicum (N) (Must have a NZ RN APC)	30

MNSC8.002	Research Paradigms for Nursing Science	30
MNSC8.003	Infectious and Communicable Diseases	30
MHS8.424	Global Health	30
MHS8.432	Health Promotion	30
MHS8.443	Health in Aotearoa New Zealand	30
<b>LEVEL 9</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
MNSc9.001	Critical Inquiry for Nursing Practice	30
MNSc9.002	Research Project	30
MN9.490	Masterate Research Thesis	90



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