



Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Practice in Health (Specialty)



Domestic fee: \$4,115

International fee: \$14,310

Compulsory student levy >
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*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Location Online for both domestic and international students

Duration Six months full-time; two and a half years part-time

Delivery Taught via extensive online resources

Credits 60

Level 8

Start February and July

Apply By 31 January or 11 July

Occupational therapists and other health professionals often utilise the same base knowledge and are increasingly working in teams together to achieve common goals.

In addition, postgraduate qualifications are being required more often by employers.

This high-level programme has been developed specifically to enable both occupational therapists and non-occupational therapists to complete a postgraduate certificate within the School of Occupational Therapy.

Deepen your theoretical knowledge to support your clinical reasoning, within the constraints of your practice environment, to ensure effective outcomes for clients of your services. Strengthen your academic skills of analysis, synthesis and critique in your research area. All of this will contribute to you being recognised as an expert clinical practitioner.

The mix of occupational therapists and non-occupational therapists provides a healthy environment for you to hear and learn about the topic with input from people from a wide range of professional backgrounds. Your study and assignments will focus on your specialty area of practice and you will graduate with this specialty reflected in your qualification title.

Entry requirements

- > You must hold a bachelor's degree OR qualifications accepted by the appropriate professional registration board.
- > International students will be individually assessed to ensure you meet the entry requirements
- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - > New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - > Overall Academic IELTS 6.5 with no individual band score lower than 6.5 (achieved in one test)

completed in the last two years), OR
> Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see here for NZQA proficiency table and here for list of recognised proficiency tests).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a wide range of English programmes.

Additional documentation

You must supply certified copies of proof of identity, academic records, proof of residency (where appropriate) and curriculum vitae.

Programme structure

You will work with the Postgraduate Coordinator to tailor an individual study pathway that is right for you. You will undertake existing courses from the School of Occupational Therapy postgraduate programme to complement your current knowledge and experience.

To gain the Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Practice in Health (Specialty), you must achieve 60 credits at Level 8. You will therefore complete two 30 credit courses from the following postgraduate courses:

Current courses	Level	Credit
Research for Practice	8	30
Adventure Therapy	8	30
Vocational Rehabilitation	8	30
Trauma Informed Practice	8	30
Motivation & Behavioural Change	8	30
Using Sensory Processing Principles with Diverse Populations	8	30
Negotiated Study	8	30

Your workload

For the full-time programme, it is advisable to allow 18 - 19 hours per week, per course. As the full-time qualification involves two courses, you would be expected to spend approximately 30-36 hours per week studying.

Postgraduate academic staff

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For more details, please visit our staff page.

Student loans/allowances

Student loans and allowances are for domestic students only. For information about student loans and allowances please visit the Studylink website. It is important to apply for your student loan/allowance at the same time as you apply for this programme, due to the length of time Studylink take to process.

Loan/allowance applications can be cancelled at any time if you decide to withdraw your programme

application or if it is unsuccessful.

Recognition of prior learning

If you have extensive knowledge and skills due to practical experience in this area, enquire about our recognition of prior learning process at Capable NZ. You may have already gained credits towards this qualification.

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