

# 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 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 Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences a student must:

- (a) be credited with a minimum of 120 points towards the qualification by either:
  - i. being credited with courses listed in Schedule V to these Regulations for an unendorsed qualification; or
  - ii. being credited with courses listed in Schedule S 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 an Aotearoa 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 Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate; 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 Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate.

## 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 Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate, up to 30 points of relevant and equivalent postgraduate level courses may be credited 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 stipulation:

- (a) 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. Exit and Upgrade 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 Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate 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 Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, may apply to the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate 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 Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate to withdraw from the Diploma and be awarded the Certificate.

## Schedule S: Subject Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

For full course information, go to [courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz](http://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz)

Endorsed Option	Courses Required
Environment and Health	HLTH403, HLTH460, ENVR415, GISC422, ENVR404 and GEOG404.
Health and Community	HLTH463 and HLTH469, and 60 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule, or Other relevant approved courses
Health Behaviour Change	HLTH430 and HLTH431, and 60 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule
Health Leadership and Management	HLTH410, and 60 points from HLTH401, HLTH402 or HLTH409; 30 points from MBUS602, MBUS603, MBUS644, MBUS650, MBAM610, or courses from the Master of Health Sciences Schedule V
Health Information Management	HLTH402, and 30 points from HLTH410, HLTH489, MBIS601, MBIS623, INFO620, INFO621, INFO633, INFO634, or 30 points from relevant approved courses, and 60 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule
Palliative Care	HLTH450, HLTH448 and HLTH449, and 30 points from the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Schedule Note: A candidate who holds a PGCertHPC from Whitireia Community Polytechnic may be exempt 60 points in replacement of HLTH448 and HLTH449 on application to the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga   Executive Dean of Health or delegate.
Taha Hinengaro – Health and Wellbeing Practice	HLTH430, COUN682 and SOWK612 and 60 points from HLTH431, COUN671, COUN681, PSYC442, PSCY443 or other relevant approved courses

## Schedule V: Valid Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
CFPY404	Psychometric Theory, Design and Appraisal	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean Academic. R: HLTH472
COUN671	Counselling and Psychology: Theories and Skills	30	W X3	Campus UC Online	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: CFPY604, EDUC461, EDEM664, HLTH481
COUN681	Solution-focused theory and skills with individuals and groups	30	X1 W X3	UC Online Campus UC Online	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: COUN678; COUN679
COUN682	Focused Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (FACT)	15	SU2	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of Department.
HLTH401	Health and Health Systems	30	S1	Manawa	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean - Academic. R: HLTH601 EQ: HLTH601
HLTH402	Health Information Management	30	S1 S1	Distance Learning Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.
HLTH403	Environmental Health	30	S2 S2	Campus Distance Learning	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.
HLTH405	Special Topic: Independent Study	30	A	Distance Learning	P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic. R: HLTH605 EQ: HLTH605
HLTH406	Special Topic	30	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH606 EQ: HLTH606
HLTH407	Ethics and Health	30	S1	Distance Learning	P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic. R: HLTH433, HLTH434, HLTH607, PHIL325, PHIL433, PHIL434, PHIL474 EQ: HLTH607
HLTH408	Special Topic: Independent Study	15	A	Distance Learning	P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.
HLTH409	Health and Culture	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic. R: HLTH609
HLTH410	Leading and Motivating People in Healthcare Organizations	30	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.
HLTH415	Designing and Managing Learning in Clinical Practice	15	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Head of School.
HLTH416	Deliver Learning in Clinical Practice	15	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Head of School.
HLTH430	Motivating Behaviour Change I	30	S1	Manawa	P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.
HLTH431	Motivating Behaviour Change II	30	S2	Manawa	P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic, and HLTH430.
HLTH433	Bioethics A	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: HLTH407, HLTH607, PHIL474 EQ: PHIL474

HLTH442	Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Evidence Based Knowledge	30	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH448	The Foundation of Hospice Palliative Care	30	X	Distance Learning	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH449	Praxis in Hospice Palliative Care	30	X	Distance Learning	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH450	Palliative Care: Advanced Theory and Practice	30	X	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
HLTH460	Epidemiology and Critical Appraisal	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval from Head of School
HLTH461	Special Topic	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.
HLTH462	Quantitative Methods in Health	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic. R: HLTH460
HLTH469	Health Issues in the Community	30	NO		
HLTH472	Introduction to Psychometric Theory and Administration	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Associate Dean - Academic. R: EDUC624, HLTH671
HLTH489	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.
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)
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