AK3757 Graduate Certificate in Health Science

All programmes have been developed to meet national addiction workforce standards.

Studying Addictions at AUT

Addictions pathways may be taken in:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science in Mental Health and Addictions (subject to approval)
- Graduate Diploma in Health Science / Graduate Certificate in Health Science

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Addiction is a complex problem that affects the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of individuals, their whanau and families and impacts on the wider social environment. There is an increasing demand in both the mental health and addictions workforce for staff to be CEP (co-existing problems) ‘capable’. They can undertake screening and brief intervention wherever the client presents. The over-arching goal of the Addictions pathways is to provide students who have completed a relevant undergraduate major, or equivalent, with the necessary knowledge and skill capacity to commence or advance professional practice in addictions in a range of health and social settings within the New Zealand context.

Who would these programmes suit?

- Anyone who wants to be more skilled in recognising and working with clients who present with a number of issues including addictions.
- If you are wanting to use the Graduate Certificate/Diploma to register as a practitioner with DAPAANZ (Drug and Alcohol Practitioner’s Association of NZ) you will also need to hold an applied bachelor’s degree in nursing, psychology, social work, medicine, counselling or closely similar. Applied in this context is defined as comprising a significant component of assessed clinical practice within the learning programme (equivalent to at least 120 hours practicum).

Entry requirements:

For the Graduate Certificate/Diploma: Undergraduate degree, preferably in an associated area, or its equivalent OR at least three years’ professional experience working in addictions or a related field
together with evidence of ability to succeed at the level of a graduate diploma or graduate certificate. NB while these qualifications and experience will gain you entry into the Graduate Certificate and Diploma, they may not be sufficient to ensure registration as a practitioner with DAPAANZ

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH SCIENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH (AK3484) - 60 points

The Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science in Mental Health and Addictions is made up of two 30-point papers. One of these can be taken alone as a Certificate of Proficiency, or taken together they form a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science.

Papers

589343 Assessment for Addictions in Mental Health (30) Develops practitioner knowledge and skills for the screening and management of addictions in a mental health setting.

589344 Interventions for Addictions in Mental Health (30) Develops counselling skills and behaviour change strategies for practitioners working in mental health and addictions services.

Entry requirements:

It will be an advantage to be working in the mental health and/or addictions fields as you will draw on your practice experience throughout the paper. In order to enrol in this pathway you need to be a Registered Health Professional or Registered Practitioner with DAPAANZ. If you do not meet these criteria it may be more appropriate for you to enrol in Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma or Masters in Public Health.

English language requirements:

Applicants for whom English or Māori is not their first language are required to provide proof of an acceptable pass/grade gained in an accepted English language test.

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