"I'm always ready to do new things to better my practice and the health outcomes of the community. This course was something that would benefit my career as a practice nurse, it interested me, and fitted in perfectly with work.

The tutors were absolutely amazing. There was always good support if you needed a hand, which was really helpful. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and would recommend it to anyone. It was a worthwhile thing to do."

Natalie Davison
Practice Nurse

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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PROGRAMME

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Duration: **Starts February/July for one year or full time equivalent**
Location: **Hamilton City Campus**
Applications: **Close in December or June (late applications may be considered).**

PROGRAMME INFORMATION
This programme will enable practitioners to undertake professional development and study on a flexible basis. You will graduate as a more capable learner with a greater capacity to work within specialised fields of practice within health and/or social practice.

You will also learn to build on strengths in knowledge, technology and relationships derived from the experience of practising in professional roles.

You will develop independence and creativity in thinking and decision-making that will inform your learning for future professional and work role challenges. **This programme does not lead to a health or social practice professional registration.**

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE/ RELEVANT LEARNING
The Graduate Certificate in Professional Practice is a 60 credit programme. The programme has an interprofessional focus with you able to select modules and topics relevant to your area of practice.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS
To access these web-enhanced or fully online modules, you are required to have access to/use:
- Windows 7 upwards
- Internet Explorer 9 upwards (or Chrome/Firefox/Safari)
- Microsoft Office 2010 upwards
- Windows Media Player
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- An Anti-Virus programme
- Updated Flash version for video on YouTube

Ensure your device has the latest Microsoft Windows or Mac updates installed.

MyLearning is not responsive for Tablets and Smartphones. To achieve the best experience, use Moodle via learning.wintec.ac.nz, or use a PC or laptop that has the latest versions of operating system and software.

NEXT STEP
To enrol you must have a relevant undergraduate (Health or Social Practice) degree or equivalent. Specific requirements such as current nursing registration may apply to individual programme modules.

For more information go to ***www.wintec.ac.nz/courses/enhance/pages/index.aspx***

The programme is structured as follows:

Core Compulsory Module:
HSEP701 Using ePortfolios in Professional Practice 15 Credits

Elective Modules:
45 credits to be completed
HSEP702 Using Digital Storytelling in Professional Practice - 15 Credits
HSEP703 Critical Inquiry - 15 Credits
SDCS700 Introductory Supervision - 15 Credits
HLCD701 Diabetes Care - 15 Credits
HLCX701 Cervical Smear Taking - 30 Credits
NUPCD40 Wound Care for Nursing Practice - 15 Credits

MODULES

USING ePORTFOLIOS IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

HSEP701

Duration: **One semester**
Credits: **15**
Level: **7**
Location: **Online delivery**
Dates: **Visit *www.wintec.ac.nz/courses/enhance/pages/index.aspx***

OVERVIEW
This module enables you to develop a conceptual framework for the use of ePortfolios in professional practice. This framework will be used as a basis to explore how ePortfolios are used to support learning activities for professional practice.

You will research the implementation of ePortfolios in professional practice. You will develop your own ePortfolio example for use within your own area of practice. The theory and reasoning behind ePortfolio use will be researched and practised in an online environment.

USING DIGITAL STORYTELLING IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

HSEP702

Duration: **One semester**
Credits: **15**
Level: **7**
Location: **Hamilton City Campus**
Dates: **Visit *www.wintec.ac.nz/courses/enhance/pages/index.aspx***

OVERVIEW
This module enables the development of a conceptual framework for the use of digital storytelling (and associated technologies) in professional practice and the use of this framework as a basis for reflecting on professional practice, personal development and rehabilitation.

MODULES

CRITICAL INQUIRY
HSEP703

Duration: One semester
Credits: 15
Level: 7
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Dates: Visit *www.wintec.ac.nz/courses/enhance/pages/index.aspx*

OVERVIEW
This module enables you to undertake a supervised critical inquiry project within a specific area of professional practice. You will evaluate conceptual and evidence bases for practice with a specific population of interest.

INTRODUCTORY SUPERVISION
SDCS700

Duration: One semester
Credits: 15
Level: 7
Location: Hamilton City Campus
Dates: Visit *www.wintec.ac.nz/courses/enhance/pages/index.aspx*

OVERVIEW
This introductory supervision module explores the nature of supervision, the core processes within supervision and the professional and organisational context of supervision. It will prepare you to be able to establish a supervisory relationship and to understand the nature and intention of contracting within supervision. You will develop the skills and knowledge to apply a model of supervision which structures the stages of a supervision session.

DIABETES CARE
HLCD701

Duration: 10 weeks (applicants accepted throughout the year)
Credits: 15
Level: 7
Location: Hamilton City Campus and other venues by negotiation
Dates: Visit *www.wintec.ac.nz/courses/enhance/pages/index.aspx*

OVERVIEW
This internationally-recognised module, delivered in partnership with the Waikato Regional Diabetes Service, is designed to provide registered health professionals with the skills and knowledge required to provide regular care, self-management support and education to people at risk or with diabetes.

CERVICAL SMEAR TAKING
HLCX701

Duration: To be completed within one academic year
Credits: 30
Level: 7
Location: Hamilton City Campus and other venues by negotiation
Dates*: Course one - February
Course two - July

OVERVIEW
This module is designed to provide health professionals with up-to-date knowledge, skills and confidence as Cervical Smear Takers conforming to the National Standards of Competency. It involves 2 two-day blocks of theory training along with a practical component. You will achieve certification after completing 30 smears and demonstrating the necessary competency skills as described in the National Cervical Screening Programmes Standards of Practice.

There is a lot of interest in this module and priority will be given to those who are presently in a position to take cervical smears in the Waikato (e.g. General Practice) or intend reaching priority groups i.e. Māori, Pacific Island and Asian women over 30 years of age who have never had a smear.

*For full details and entry criteria go to ***www.wintec.ac.nz/health.***

"Most of us have done recent study, so we know what it's like for students as well."

Helen Ashton
Clinical nurse specialist and
Wintec Practice Partner

MODULES

WOUND CARE FOR NURSING PRACTICE NUPCD40

Duration: One semester
Credits: 15
Level: 7
Location: Online
Dates: Visit *www.wintec.ac.nz/courses/short/Pages/wound-care.aspx*

OVERVIEW
This fully online module was developed in consultation with the New Zealand Wound Care Society and is designed to provide registered nurses with the knowledge and skills required to provide care to people with acute and chronic wounds. Wound care for nursing practice provides an opportunity for you to continue your professional development and gain knowledge and skills on the fundamentals of, and provision of, holistic patient-centred wound care, to implement strategies to minimise further injury and to develop treatment plans based on evidence-based knowledge and skills. You will develop critical thinking through the exploration of problem-based learning, evidenced-based theory, reflective and reflexive practice.

TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP WITH WINTEC

CHOOSE YOUR MODULES
To discuss your pathway options within the programme and what modules would best complement your area of work, please feel free to contact the postgraduate team at **pghsp@wintec.ac.nz**.

READY TO APPLY
Once you've made a decision on what to study, there are several ways you can apply. You can go online to enrol at www.wintec.ac.nz/enrol or you can complete the Application to Enrol form and associated forms available from Wintec's Student Enrolment and Information Centre at the City or Rotokauri Campus. Forms are also available online: **www.wintec.ac.nz/seic/pages/forms.aspx**

If you are a first-time student at Wintec, you will also be required to provide a completed Additional Information form with a verified copy of your Passport or your Birth Certificate, a verified copy of your current Practising Certificate and a Payment By Third Party form if applicable.

If you need any assistance, contact the student enrolment information team on 0800 2 Wintec (0800 2 946832) or email **info@wintec.ac.nz**.

If you are re-enrolling in the next module, you can simply go to **www.wintec.ac.nz/seic/pages/returning.aspx** to request the Returning Student Form.

Send your application and documentation to Wintec: Freepost 566, Private Bag 3036, Hamilton 3240.