

Postgraduate study options in Violence Prevention 2024

The University of Auckland offers a number of postgraduate courses that are relevant for those working in violence prevention or interested in working in the area. These can be taken as part of a postgraduate certificate/diploma in Health Sciences or Social Work.

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHSc)

60 points (1 year part-time)

Recommended Courses

POPLHLTH 769	Interpersonal & Family Violence Semester 1 Three 2-day blocks (no end of course exam)	30 pts
SOCCHFAM 700	Domestic Violence: Challenges and Responses Semester 2 Two 2-day blocks (no end of course exam)	30 pts

The development of these courses is a collaboration between the School of Population Health (Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences) and the School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work (Faculty of Education and Social Work) in recognition of the need for formal education in violence prevention. Courses have been developed to address the core and advanced competency requirements for professionals working in this demanding field.

Prospective students without an undergraduate degree can apply to undertake the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHSc) as long as they have a recognised health qualification or appropriate experience. Alternatively, appropriately qualified (with a recognised health, social work or other relevant qualification) and experienced applicants can apply to undertake the PGDipSW or PGDipHSc. In some cases students may enter directly into a Masters degree.

Contact for academic advice

If you have any queries about these courses or are interested in undertaking study towards a Masters degree in Social Work or Health Sciences, please contact:

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Option 1

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (PGDipSW)

60 points (2 years part-time),
plus 60 points from PGCertHSc = 120 points

Recommended Courses*

60 points from the following courses. Some alternative course options may be available.*		
SOCCHFAM 734	Issues in Child Welfare and Protection	30 pts
PROFCOUN 707	Specialist Counselling Skills and Approaches	15 pts
PROFSUPV 710	Stress and Trauma in Health and Human Services	30 pts
SOCWORK 718	Applied Research in Social Services	30 pts

Option 2

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

60 points (2 years part-time),
plus 60 points from PGCertHSc = 120 points

Recommended Courses*

60 points from the following courses. Some alternative course options may be available.* <i>Note: 15 points Research Methods course is compulsory.</i>		
SOCCHFAM 734	Issues in Child Welfare and Protection	30 pts
PROFCOUN 707	Specialist Counselling Skills and Approaches	15 pts
PROFSUPV 710	Stress and Trauma in Health and Human Services	30 pts
POPLHLTH 701	Research Methods in Health (or another approved research course*)	15 pts
POPLHLTH 736	Mental Health Promotion	15 pts
POPLHLTH 700	Community Health Development	15 pts
POPLHLTH 733	Health Promotion: Theory & Models	15 pts
POPLHLTH 734	Health Promotion Strategies	15 pts

*There are a number of other courses that may be taken to complete a PGDipSW or a PGDipHSc. Please discuss with an academic advisor prior to enrolling in a course.



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This information describes courses that are relevant to Violence Prevention.

POPLHLTH 769 and SOCCHFAM 700 are recommended to form a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (60 points total). The other courses offer a range of options for a PGDip (120 points total) in either Social Work or Health Sciences. Students are encouraged to seek academic advice when proceeding beyond the PGCert, as this will assist in the development of a programme of study that best supports students learning needs.

POPLHLTH 769 30 points

Interpersonal & Family Violence

Explores the magnitude and consequences of the problem of, and contributing factors to, interpersonal and family violence at local, national, and global levels. Examination of some of the major violence prevention and intervention activities currently being undertaken in New Zealand will be undertaken as well as engaging in critical debate about how effective practices and policies might be disseminated at the individual, community, and national levels. The main topic themes include: the epidemiology of violence, causes of violence, developing and evaluating interventions, and consideration of violence as a health issue.

SOCCHFAM 700 30 points

Domestic Violence: Challenges and Responses

An in-depth examination of the prevalence, consequences, risk and protective factors of domestic violence in Aotearoa New Zealand. Draws on local and international research to explore conceptual models, theories, practice and current research concerns, aimed at prevention and intervention activities at the individual, family/whānau, organisational, community and societal levels.

SOCCHFAM 734 30 points

Issues in Child Welfare and Protection

Explores the critical issues in child welfare and protection encountered by health and human services workers. The historical, social and conceptual basis for an understanding of child abuse and neglect is considered. Explores research-led strategies to address personal, professional, and societal responses to the needs of vulnerable children.

PROFCOUN 707 15 points

Specialist Counselling Skills and Approaches

An advanced examination of the specialist counselling skills and knowledge required to work effectively with clients from a wide range of contexts and experiences. Topics may include working with sexual abuse, family violence, trauma, anxiety, depression, self-harm, suicidality, and loss and grief. The course will focus on the integration of theory, research and practice, and the development of working models to facilitate effective counselling.

PROFSUPV 710 30 points

Stress and Trauma in Health and Human Services

Explores the complex dimensions of stress and trauma encountered by health and human services workers. The historical, cultural and conceptual basis for an understanding of the impact of stress and trauma on both clients and workers is considered. Critically explores research-led strategies to address personal, professional and organisational responses to stressful environments.

POPLHLTH 701 15 points

Research Methods in Health

A comprehensive overview, in relation to health, of theoretical underpinnings of research; the asking of research questions; literature reviews; the design, implementation and appraisal of qualitative and quantitative research; and the writing up and dissemination of research.

POPLHLTH 736 15 points

Mental Health Promotion

Examines the central role that positive mental health and well-being plays in the health of populations. It focuses on understanding the determinants of mental health and the processes by which these determinants affect mental health. The theory and application of mental health promotion practice, encompassing strategies for action at the societal, community and individual level, are discussed.

SOCWORK 718 30 points

Applied Research in Social Services

Examines the role of applied research within professional practice. An in-depth examination of research methods, traditions and techniques particularly used in analysing, evaluating and auditing social service programmes and practices. Aims to enhance and develop the knowledge and understanding of students with regard to the nature and application of a broad range of research methods, the role of theory, ethics and politics in research and in developing a research proposal.

Other possible courses

In addition to other courses in the Faculties of Medical and Health Sciences, and Education and Social Work, there are a range of courses in other Faculties and Departments (Sociology, Women's Studies, Anthropology, Psychology) that may be of interest. Please consult with one of the Academic Advisors for further information.