

Tohu Paerua Mahi Haumanu Koiri Postgraduate Physiotherapy Practice



The Master of Physiotherapy Practice is an exciting and unique vocation-focused masters that concentrates on the New Zealand context.

This is a graduate entry masters programme that will build on your undergraduate knowledge to train as a physiotherapist. This programme incorporates Māori and Pacific health models, and explores health equity, health systems and the social determinants of health, equipping you with the skills and competencies to be healthcare leaders in New Zealand. The MPhysioPrac is delivered by the School of Exercise Sciences, within the Faculty of Science, with a strong connection to the Faculty of Medical Health Sciences. This unique positioning offers a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to theory, practice and research, and a broad scope for specialisation. You will learn alongside students from other disciplines, aligned to real-world experience, and complete 900-100 hours of clinical practice and acquired knowledge.

Choosing your supervisor

Supervisors can usually only take a small number of students, so make sure you talk to them sooner rather than later.

Choose an area you feel passionate about. Undertaking research involves successes as well as challenges, so choosing a topic you are genuinely interested in will help you overcome challenges and get through the tough times. Ensure you're compatible with your supervisor. Ask questions, seek advice and share your ideas with academic staff to find out their research interests, and whether you would be a good fit with their current projects.

Scholarships

You can apply for a range of scholarships when you apply for postgraduate study in Science.

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BSc

MPhysioPrac

PhD



Career opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration from the **Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand, with reciprocal agreement from the Physiotherapy Board of Australia.**

Students apply theory to real-world practice during five 6-week clinical practicums placed in hospital, clinic or community settings, under the supervision of registered physiotherapists. Institutes situated on campus include the Auckland Bioengineering Institute, the Liggins Institute and Healthy Hearts for Aotearoa New Zealand.

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as a New Zealand Registered Physiotherapist.

Jobs related to this programme:

- › Physiotherapist
- › Health professional

This subject is available in:

Other relevant programmes are Clinical Exercise Physiology and Exercise Sciences (PGDipSci and MSc)

This subject is not available in other degree programmes.



Find out more about how your degree will be structured and what courses you need to take at

auckland.ac.nz/science/master-of-physiotherapy-practice

Applications close on 8 December.



"My PhD work is investigating a novel neurophysiological framework for assessing hand and arm impairment after stroke. The framework may increase prognostic accuracy about hand and arm movement recovery and outcome."

Maxine Shanks
Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Sciences.

Kuhua ki tō mātou hāpori, ā, Kimihia tōu Pūtaiao.
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