

Graduate Certificate in Addiction Intervention

The Graduate Certificate in Addiction Intervention responds to a need in the social services sector for addiction practitioners to possess both the knowledge and skillset needed for entry into the workforce. Courses focus on key social issues, such as promotion of wellbeing, addiction and co-existing disorders, embedding a bicultural approach.

Qualification code OP7803

Level > 7

Credits > 60

Workload >

Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates

Study type >

Trimester

Cost >

See the qualification page on the website

Student loan >

You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

The Graduate Certificate in Addiction Intervention will provide learners with a range of specialist skills and practices in the addiction intervention field. If currently employed in the sector, learners will gain valuable opportunities to incorporate work-related learning that may build on an existing role or equip for new responsibilities.

How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. Select **BHW501** and click add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.

Qualification structure

This programme is 60 credits at Level 5 & 7 and made up of 4 compulsory courses. Learners are able to study BHW501 and BHW707 individually over two trimesters. BHW708 and BHW709 must be completed at the same time over one trimester.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
COMPULSORY COURSES		
BHW501	Counselling Concepts and Theories	5
BHW707	Assessing Addictions Issues and Co-Existing Problems	7
BHW708	Counselling Interventions in Addictions and Co-Existing Problems	7
BHW709	Practicum 3	7

Academic Entry requirements

Applicants must have successfully completed all courses in the Open Polytechnic OP7800 Bachelor of Social Health and Wellbeing (Mental Health and Addictions) qualification, or a degree in a related health discipline that would lead to recognition by one of the following organisations:

- Nursing Council of New Zealand
- Social Workers Registration Board New Zealand
- New Zealand Association of Counsellors
- New Zealand Psychologists Board
- Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Admission Process

Applicants are required to complete a **Consent to Disclosure of Information** and **Personal Declaration**. The Consent to Disclosure of Information will give permission for the Open Polytechnic to obtain any records of criminal offences from New Zealand Police. The personal declaration will ask candidates to

indicate whether they have any criminal convictions and whether they have a medical or psychological condition that may constrain their suitability for working in the addiction sector. The Open Polytechnic reserves the right to decline entry to the programme, or to suspend continuation on the programme, to any applicant whose police record, health difficulties or conduct are such that they be considered unsuitable for professional practice. This requirement applies to each subsequent year of enrolment.

All applicants must also undergo Police vetting.

Credit recognition

Credit that can be awarded for existing knowledge and skills will be discussed initially with the Programme Delivery Manager prior to enrolment and formally considered through the Open Polytechnic's RPL processes. Recognition of prior learning and cross credit may only be awarded for BHW501 Counselling Concepts and Theories.

What you will learn

Graduates of this qualification will be able to:

- Integrate into practice a sound understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and competently engage with diversity in ways that enhance wellbeing and social justice.
- Apply ethical, reflective and critical practice and actively engage in clinical supervision and personal and professional development.
- Critically analyse and conduct and apply comprehensive assessments and deliver evidence informed, empowering therapeutic individual and whānau-centred interventions across the harm reduction continuum.

Dapaanz Pathway

Only learners who have successfully completed all courses in both the Open Polytechnic OP7800 Bachelor of Social Health and Wellbeing (Mental Health and Addictions) and OP7803 Graduate Certificate in Addiction Intervention will be considered eligible for provisional dapaanz registration.

Applicants joining with degrees from other health related disciplines will not be able to use the Graduate Certificate in Addiction Intervention as a pathway to provisional registration with dapaanz. Learners in this situation are advised to seek advice from dapaanz.

Practical or work-based components

In BHW709 Practicum 3 learners must be supervised in a 120-hour practicum, and will be working with whāiora/clients of approved addiction services.

75 hours of this will be client-facing, the remainder can be other placement-related tasks. BHW709 will develop learners' professional practice skills with individuals, families and whānau, their concept of professional identity and ability to work within the professional codes, legal requirements, professional values and ethics of practice.

It will build on learners' understanding of reflective practice, Te Tiriti obligations, cultural responsiveness and the use of professional supervision.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

English language requirements

If English or Māori is not the applicant's first language, applicants will need an IELTS Academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You cannot study this programme if you are an international student, or a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.