

Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Sector Leadership

The Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Leadership prepares students to work within the rapidly transforming mental health sector as confident, competent, responsive and collaborative leaders. This programme provides an opportunity for students to understand the complexity of the environment and possess a range of strategies for engaging with people who use mental health services.

Note: Graduates of OP7800 Bachelor of Social Health and Wellbeing are not eligible to enrol in this Graduate Diploma.



How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. Select **BHW700** 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 120 credits at Level 6 & 7 and made up of 3 compulsory courses. Students then choose 3 electives.

Qualification code OP7801

Level > 7

Credits > 120

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

Potential employment roles may include:

- Support Manager/Team Leader
- Care Manager
- Health Educator/Promoter
- Service Coordinator
- Public Health Manager
- Case Manager
- Programme Coordinator
- Policy Development Lead

Course Code	Course Name	Level
COMPULSORY COURSES Note 74342 needs to be taken last		
BHW700	Quality Services for the Future: Funding, Design and Evaluation	7
BHW701	Leadership in the Health and Wellbeing Sector	7
74342	Research Paper	7
ELECTIVES Select three courses from the below with at least one at Level 7:		
73223	Understanding Mental Health	6
BHW602	Assessment and Intervention	6
BHW703	Mental Health and Addictions Theory and Practice	7
BHW706	Advanced Addiction Studies	7
77328	Working with Older People	7
77329	Working with Communities	7
73327	Adult Psychopathology	7
73323	Child and Adolescent Developmental Psychology	7
73322	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	7

What you will learn

Graduates of this qualification will be able to:

- Demonstrate leadership within health and wellbeing organisations, which includes a commitment to best practice, on-going professional development, and effectively managing risk.
- Demonstrate leadership within the community, which includes advocating for social justice and change; supporting inclusion, choice and control; and challenging stigma and discrimination.
- Work collaboratively and communicate effectively in teams and across services in a health and wellbeing context.
- Critically evaluate information and apply appropriate models of health and wellbeing to inform innovative, evidence based practice.
- Understand organisational budgeting, financial planning, service design and evaluation for the health and wellbeing sector, in the context of competing political, social and organisational demands.

Entry requirements

Applicants must have either an undergraduate degree in a relevant field or professional experience in the mental health sector to the satisfaction of the Programme Leader. Students who have completed The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand's Bachelor of Social Health and Wellbeing are not eligible for enrolment in this programme.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% 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.

Practical or work-based components

This Graduate Diploma does not involve any mandatory face-to-face or work-based components.

English language requirements

If English is not the applicant's first language, candidates will need to have 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 can study this programme if you're an international student living in New Zealand or overseas.

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