Partnerships
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Ministry funding for NASC workers to study the Graduate Diploma in Education – Disability Support specialisation

Needs assessment and service coordination workers around the country are benefiting from studying a graduate qualification with The University of Auckland. At present it is fully funded for twenty places a year by the Ministry of Health. The Graduate Diploma in Education - Disability Support specialisation can be studied via distance learning anywhere in New Zealand. It is also possible to enrol in the programme as a self-funded student.

Designed for working professionals in needs assessment and service coordination (NASC), this graduate diploma is studied part-time over two years. Additional to the programme’s distance learning, there is a one week ‘winter school’ held at the Faculty of Education’s campus in Epsom, Auckland in each year that allows students to meet and network with each other and the teaching team, and to listen to different perspectives from guest lecturers from within the field.

The programme includes selected courses from the Disability Studies major within the Bachelor of Human Services and additional courses developed specifically for NASC workers. It includes equal parts theory and practical courses, which are studied in tandem. This is a key advantage says programme leader Kathy Martindale, as it enables students to engage with the theory and then apply new ideas in a practice situation.

“The theory exposes students to alternative ways of doing things, so the qualification helps them to look at different operating processes rather than just what their agency has adopted,” says Kathy.

Kathy works with a team of four who deliver the programme including Senior Lecturers Margaret McLean, Rod Wills and Debbie Espiner.

A key feature of the programme is that student practicum is undertaken with a NASC provider from another area. Te Rau Allen is studying the programme from Kaiako, and his 2009 work placement allowed him to work with the Whangarei Hospital DHB with over-65 year olds. This in turn has created an opportunity to make connections and create a seamless to and fro transition for people that use the service in Northland. In turn, Te Rau’s employer, Northable NASC, hosted a student from Christchurch.

Distance learning is also proving to be a real advantage for Te Rau. He has found that thanks to support from his employer with flexible time management, study via distance learning fits well with his work and whanau responsibilities.

“Distance learning has allowed me to continue and manage my workflow,” he says. “In addition I am fully committed to working for my iwi, so it has been an advantage not being away from home and family.”

For more information on studying this programme contact Delia Matthias at the Faculty of Education.
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Welcome

This first newsletter highlights several things of note. We have been delighted to welcome both new staff and visiting colleagues - read about them below. The “Professional Supervision Conference 2010: Common Threads, Different Patterns” is only a few days away and we are proud to be able to sponsor this event. We are also holding a Postgraduate Information Evening in May for you to find out more about study with us.

As you can see, we have called our newsletter Partnerships and want it to be a vehicle for information and events so that it can be of value to practitioners and the work they do in Auckland.

We are very grateful to the agencies and networks of Auckland that once again have taken social work students on placement from us and all the other educators. Many thanks to you all.

This is an e-newsletter so add our webpage link to your favourites menu. Please also give us feedback. We are again in times of change. Any comments on the priorities for education and research in fields of practice are welcomed.

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Graduation Time!
Congratulations to our all students who are graduating in the University’s Autumn graduation ceremonies. This year there will be a total of 22 of our students graduating with qualifications in the field of social services - including the Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Human Services, Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Counselling), Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Supervision and Master of Education (Counselling). The formal ceremonies will be held at 4.30pm and 7.30pm at the Aotea Centre on Wednesday 5 May and will be preceded by a Graduation Afternoon Tea hosted by the Faculty of Education.
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Professional Supervision Conference 30 April–1 May 2010
The School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work is excited to be supporting and promoting the Aotearoa New Zealand Supervision Conference 2010 – Common Threads, Different Patterns.

This conference builds on the successful 2004 Conference “Weaving together the strands of supervision” and will be of value to professionals from many disciplines.

Key note speakers include Sue Lohrbach (USA), Meg Bond (UK), Moana Erura (Aotearoa New Zealand) and Liz Beddoe (Aotearoa New Zealand).*

The conference welcomes Sue Lohrbach as keynote speaker on day one with ‘Benefits, challenges and fun of group supervision’ and will run a pre-conference workshop ‘Facilitating best practice through group supervision’. Sue has been involved in a very successful model of Group Supervision and brings over twenty years of practice experience in a range of supervision settings.

What: Common Threads, Different Patterns
Where: Holiday Inn Hotel, Mangere, Auckland, (previously known as The Centro).
When: 30 April – 1 May 2010, with pre-conference workshops 29 April 2010.

www.conference.education.auckland.ac.nz

*Our condolences to the family of Tony Morrison who was originally scheduled to participate in this conference but passed away earlier this year.

Introducing two new staff in the School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work (CHSSWK)

JAY MARLOWE
BA, Bio (Hons), BA Anthr, MSW (Flinders)
Jay (pictured right) has been appointed a lecturer in CHSSWK and is teaching in the areas of culture and diversity, youth work, loss and grief, and field supervision. His main area of research is focused on working with refugees, and a critical engagement with resettlement and understandings of trauma. He is also interested in youth well-being and how social work education is translated into professional practice. Originally from the United States, he has been a visiting fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford, and has also worked in diverse settings with at risk youths in the United States, Guatemala, and Ecuador. He recently submitted a PhD at Flinders University in South Australia where he combined work as a lecturer and a social worker at a Loss and Grief Centre.

HONG-JAE PARK
BA, MSW (App.) (Canterbury)
Hong-Jae (pictured left) has joined CHSSWK as a lecturer from this semester. His teaching, research and practice are in the areas of migration, ageing and family relationships in social work and human services. He has worked extensively in social work and community development, and his migration experience has led to professional and volunteer work with immigrant families, international students and ethnic minority communities. As a native of Korea, he moved to New Zealand with his family in 2003 and gained a master’s degree in social work at the University of Canterbury where he is completing doctoral study. His current focus of interest is on exploring differences and similarities between the East and West in social work and human services milieu.

Student Fieldwork Practicum Placements - We Want You!

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News in brief

Social Work in Mental Health Collaboration with AUT

The School has formed a partnership with the Occupational Therapy programme at AUT to teach the national New Graduate Programme for Allied Mental Health and Addictions. A Te Pau funded contract, twenty-six new social workers and occupational therapists in mental health are engaged in a year’s postgraduate study aimed at developing and consolidating their recovery-focused practice. Dr Carole Adamson is assisted in this by senior social work practitioner, Glenda Light.

‘Partnerships’ contribution

Collaborations with social work practitioners enjoy strong support from CHSSWK academics. Recent examples include Mike Webster’s editorial role in publishing David McNabb’s research on social work leadership in Auckland DHB Mental Health Services. At the time, David was the professional social work leader in ADHB Mental Health. The article Qualities and practices of professional social work leadership in an interdisciplinary mental health service was published in March 2010 in UK journal Action Learning and looked at how ‘exemplary leadership’ was implemented. Mike also collaborated with Jeremy Stewart – a mental health social worker in the ADHB – in a presentation at the Asia Pacific Social Work Conference last November. Jeremy and Mike examined the tensions associated with ethics, the employing organisation and the individual worker – the point at which the ‘rubber meets the road.’ The influence of ‘new public management’ on practice was a prime theme, attracting some discussion after the presentation.

Bachelor of Human Services, Semester Two intake

The BHumServ programme provides the opportunity to specialise in one of the two high growth areas in human services – youth work and disability support. Youth workers and disability support workers, particularly at management level, are increasingly expected to have professional training and/or qualifications. You can apply now for the Semester Two intake for this programme, which starts 19 July 2010. If you are a practitioner needing professional development or wanting to gain a qualification to support your career development we recommend you contact us to find out how you can combine study with work. Contact Delia Matthias, email: d.matthias@auckland.ac.nz; phone: +64 9 623 8899 ext 48640.

Introducing our visiting Professor

Professor Viviene Cree (MA, BA, PhD) is Professor of Social Work Studies at The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She is a guest of the Faculty of Education until June and will be using the time to write and to familiarise herself with the New Zealand social work environment. She will be contributing to lectures, meeting with faculty staff and students and with social work agencies.

Prior to her academic career, Professor Cree worked as a youth and community worker and social worker for 16 years in statutory and voluntary organisations. Her teaching and research interests include the history and profession of social work, the contribution of sociological perspectives to social work, and the impact of social work services on those who use them. She has specialist research experience on children and families affected by HIV and on conducting research with children. Her most recent research has been in three areas: a longitudinal study of ‘non-traditional’ students’ experiences of university; a follow-up study of children and HIV, and a study of social work students’ views of feminism.

Professor Cree, will be presenting a special seminar on her work with HIV and children. 

When: Wednesday 12 May, 4 - 5.30pm
Where: Room 415, N block, Gate 4, 60 Epsom Ave, Epsom Campus
RSVP to ma.barnett@auckland.ac.nz and to request an abstract, bio and venue directions.

QSM for Counselling alumni

JOHN WONG
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Many years of hard work at the forefront of counselling migrants has seen John Wong honoured with a Queens Service Medal in the New Year Honours. Originally from Hong Kong and a former businessman, John became involved in counselling after moving to New Zealand with his family in 1992. Driven by a desire to help his family adjust he became involved in Chinese Lifeline, trained as a counsellor through the Faculty of Education, and has since been involved with a wide range of community organisations. In addition to his work in gambling education he is involved in encouraging the community to urge government to change legislation and policies to protect the community. As Director of Asian Services at PGF NZ, John has seen the service grow to offer face-to-face information and counselling in eight languages. Surprised and honoured to receive the award he paid tribute to his colleagues. “I work with such a dedicated and hard working team,” he said, “so I am sharing this honour with them.”

Postgraduate information evening

Wednesday 19 May 2010 | 5 - 7.30pm
Epsom Campus, Gate 3, 74 Epsom Avenue, Epsom, Auckland

The Social Work, Counselling and Human Services presentation will be held 5-6pm in the Sylvia Ashton-Warner Library Seminar Room followed by information stalls and refreshments.

Discover how a postgraduate qualification can enhance your professional practice and your career, and talk to teaching staff and advisors about your options. Postgraduate programmes at the University include:

Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma in Professional Supervision
Ideal for practitioners who are seeking advanced skills in supervision or who are aspiring to take on leadership roles within health and human services.

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science (Social Work)
Aimed at qualified social workers wishing to pursue postgraduate study in a health related field.

New programmes proposed for 2011
• Master of Social Work
• Master of Counselling

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