

Graduate Diploma in Education

- Disability Support specialisation

***FREE – Ministry funded for eligible NASC employees (criteria apply)**

If you are an experienced Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination (NASC) worker or a professional in a similar field of work with at least two years of relevant industry experience you may be able to take advantage of Ministry of Health funded places in this programme.

This Disability Support specialisation has been developed by The University of Auckland to meet the Ministry of Health's need for a graduate level qualification for the disability NASC workforce.

Highlights

- Designed for working professionals to study part-time over two years.
- Distance learning support means that you can participate from anywhere in New Zealand.
- Consistent with NASC standards and specifications.
- Includes professional placements in Disability Services approved NASC organisations with professional supervision provided by qualified regional supervisors.

Programme structure

This Graduate Diploma is 120 credits at level 7 on the NZ Qualifications Framework.

Courses

Through the core courses of this programme you will gain an understanding of contemporary and relevant economic and social theory, and the legislative and policy climate within which your work is situated.

Practicum

The programme also includes practicum opportunities in both your work setting and a host service other than your employing service.

The aim of these professional placements is to:

- Introduce you to processes of reflection on and evaluation of your own practice, and possibilities for making and recording change.
- Offer task-specific training opportunities in assessment, service coordination and budget management.

Length: Two years of part-time study (starting Semester One 2013)

The programme will require approximately 18 hours of study per week during semester time including the supervised professional placements that make up half of the learning programme.

Study location

The courses are offered via online study. Practicum takes place at your place of employment and at other selected organisations. All students must also attend the compulsory 'Winter School' (scheduled in July) for one full day and two half days. This is held at the Faculty of Education's Epsom Campus in Auckland and also provides the opportunity to meet with fellow students, lecturers and staff.

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Entry criteria

In order to be admitted to this programme, a student needs to have:

- completed the requirements for a bachelors degree
- or
- completed the requirements for a university diploma approved by Senate or its representative
- or
- completed a professional qualification in teaching, counselling, social work or relevant other profession approved by Senate or its representative
- or
- at least five years' employment experience deemed relevant to this programme by the Senate or its representative,
- and

- satisfied the Dean of the Faculty of Education that they have appropriate training and experience to undertake the programme.

Ministry of Health funding

Ministry of Health funding is available for 20 places in this programme. Ministry of Health funding requires employment (at 0.5FTE or more) in a Ministry funded disability NASC. Financial support will be provided to assist providers to meet some of their costs and student fees will be funded.

For more information on Ministry funding contact:

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Eligible Employers for funding

- NorthAble Northland Disabilities Resource Centre - Matapuna Hauora
- Taikura Trust (INSA)
- Disability Support Link
- Support Net Kupenga Hao Ite Ora
- L.I.F.E. Unlimited Charitable Trust
- Enable New Zealand
- Access Ability Taranaki
- Options Hawkes Bay
- Access Ability Wanganui
- Supportlinks
- Focus
- L.I.F.E Unlimited
- Capital Support
- Support Works
- Life Links
- Access Ability Otago/Southland

Apply online at www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow
 Closing date for applications: 20 December 2012

Proposed Programme Schedule: GradDipEd – Disability Support (2013-2014)

Semester One 2013	HUMSERV 211 Assessment, Planning and Coordination	An examination of the practical components and implications of assessment, planning and coordination in human services. The theory and practice of needs assessment, service coordination and budget management are examined. The professional ethics and related practice issues are examined in relation to these activities.
Semester One 2013	HUMSERV 202 Reflective Practice in Human Services	Developing the processes of reflective practice to evaluate 'self' in their role as a human service practitioner. Using an experiential and collaborative approach, students will apply action learning and gather data on their own practice. In consultation with a colleague or mentor, students will implement and evaluate change in their professional practice.
Winter School 2013		Compulsory on-campus workshops and lectures. Held at The University of Auckland's Epsom Campus in Auckland: Wed 3 – Fri 5 July 2013.
Semester Two 2013	DISABLT 313 Contemporary Disability Theory and Policy	Examines contemporary theory and policy in the health and disability sector and critiques theories and models of disability, mental health and aging. Critically examines the interface between the state and the individual and includes an examination of changing assumptions of needs, rights and responsibilities in the context of the provision of disability support.
Semester Two 2013	HUMSERV 304 Needs Assessment and Service Coordination	Fosters skilled practice in needs assessment and service coordination. In consultation with an off-site professional supervisor and on-site colleague, students will complete the practical requirements of a range of tasks related to needs assessment and service coordination.
Semester One 2014	HUMSERV 301 Quality Assurance in Human Services	An examination of the core concepts of quality in relation to human service provision. A range of quality management approaches and their applications will be explored. Critical regard will be taken of the relationship between quality of life and service practice.
Semester One 2014	DISABLT 315 Management Processes in Disability Support	Offers a framework for the critique and analysis of the impact of personal professional practice on needs assessment and service coordination provision in the context of middle level management. In consultation with an off-site professional supervisor and on-site colleague, students will complete practical requirements related to the theory and practice of contract management.
Winter School 2014		Compulsory on-campus workshops and lectures. Held at The University of Auckland's Epsom Campus in Auckland. (July 2014 dates to be confirmed.)
Semester Two 2014	DISABLT 314 The Legal Context of Disability Support	Explains and evaluates features of the health and disability, accident and rehabilitation environments in New Zealand. Introduces and examines current legislation relevant to the health and disability sector including mental health and support for older adults including the rights of service users.
Semester Two 2014	HUMSERV 303 Communication and the Community	Involves four weeks of practice providing opportunities to consider the social context of assessment, planning and coordination. The social imperatives unique to Aotearoa New Zealand are examined including acknowledgement of and respect for cultural beliefs, in particular those of Māori, Pasifika and migrant people. Highlights service responsibilities to consult with families and assist them to develop support networks. Identification of natural and community supports and living options for disabled people and their families are promoted.