



DELIVER ORIGINAL RESEARCH FOR BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES

DOCTOR OF HEALTH | DOCTOR OF MIDWIFERY | DOCTOR OF NURSING

Professional doctorates are designed for experienced professionals working in the health sector. Enhance your leadership with a qualification that is both research based and professionally focused.

WHAT TO EXPECT

In your first two years (Part 1) you will complete part time coursework that lays the foundation for your research and thesis (Part 2). In addition to self-directed study and online forums, learning will take place in block days of seminars, workshops, and guest lectures so you can fit study in with your work commitments.

Taught at the Wellington Regional Hospital campus, where you will be supported by experts at the forefront of research.

SHARE KNOWLEDGE

You will move through the programme with a cohort of other health practitioners, managers and leaders, so you can share knowledge and strengthen relationships in the health sector.

PART 1



YEAR 1

HLTH 601 30 points
Critical Analysis of a Health Issue

HLTH 602 30 points
Issues in Professional Contexts

YEAR 2

HLTH 603 30 points
Advanced Research Design

HLTH 604 30 points
Research Proposal

PART 2



HLTH 691 (DHIth) 240 points
Doctor of Health Thesis

or

MIDW 691 240 points
Doctor of Midwifery Thesis

or

NURS 691 240 points
Doctor of Nursing Thesis



JAMES RICE-DAVIES

Student, Doctor of Nursing

James Rice-Davies is the only clinical nurse specialist in HIV in the Wellington region. He is currently undertaking a Doctor of Nursing at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

James has worked in HIV and AIDS care since the 1980s, and making a difference to patient outcomes in this area is a big motivator for embarking on his own research pathway.

“I am keen to give back and hope I can make a difference to those living with HIV and those yet to be diagnosed.”

The format of the new Doctor of Nursing appealed to James because the degree is broken into two parts and allows students to move through the degree as a cohort.

“I am gaining new skills through the foundation courses we are completing before we start our research. It is setting me up to confidently complete my thesis,” says James.

“Additionally, working with other students on the same pathway reduces the isolation of completing a research degree.”

For those thinking about pursuing doctoral study, James suggests having a goal in mind when you start the process.

“Find something to study that you are passionate about. There are times when work and life make study a little bit more difficult, and it’s important to have a goal in mind for those times.”

CONTACT US TO TALK ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS

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