

OP7802 Graduate Diploma in Disability Sector Leadership

Welcome to the Level 7 graduate diploma offered by the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand in partnership with NZDSN.

Study Plan

The graduate diploma is made up of 6 compulsory courses that we recommend you study part-time completing 2 courses each year in the order shown.

Each course is 16 weeks long and includes three assessments with set due dates. We have an automated system for you to apply for assessment extensions.

2024 study dates

Feb intake: February to June

Jun intake: June to October

2024

- Feb intake: BHW603 Understanding Disability
- Jun intake: BHW604 Service Provision, Advocacy and Equity

2025

- Feb intake: BHW700 Quality Services for the Future: Funding, Design and Evaluation
- Jun intake: BHW701 Leadership in the Health and Wellbeing Sector

2026

- Feb intake: 74342 Research Paper
- Jun intake: 77329 Working with Communities

Course availability and lecturer may be subject to change.

Course Lecturer: Anita Nicholls

The courses are delivered online using iQualify, our learning management system. You use iQualify to ask questions, complete activities, and join discussions with your lecturers and other students. iQualify provides you with all your course content so you can study where and when it suits you.

Your learning will be facilitated by an academic staff member who is the course lecturer.

The course lecturer for the first two courses BHW603 and BHW604 is Anita Nicholls.

If you want to know more about the courses and the programme please contact our Programme Delivery Manager Rome Vailini Rome.Vailini@openpolytechnic.ac.nz
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I have worked in the education and disability sectors for many years including the Ministry of Education, Idea Services, Autism NZ and Fragile X NZ. My roles included work as an Early Intervention Teacher, Outcome Facilitator, Outreach Coordinator, Education Advisor and Facilitator. I have facilitated adult education programmes for many years. I have two adult sons with Fragile X Syndrome. Anita Nicholls.