

Special Topic

(HEAL816 – 15 pts)

Pathways, programmes/specialisations the paper is attached to

Bachelor of Sport and Recreation (Honours), Master of Emergency Management, Master of Health Practice, Master of Health Science, Master of Psychotherapy, Master of Public Health, Master of Sport and Exercise, Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice, Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science, Postgraduate Certificate in Sport and Exercise, Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Management, Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science, Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health, Postgraduate Diploma in Sport and Exercise. This paper is available from the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences in multiple pathways.

Am I eligible to enrol in this paper?

Any student enrolled in a postgraduate programme within AUT's Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences is eligible to enrol in the paper. You do not need to have an existing Annual Practice Certificate to enrol in this paper. Special Topic is not suitable as a first paper. Typically, students will have completed three or more structured postgraduate level papers before enrolling in Special Topic.

What is this paper about?

Develops skills of independent, critical scholarship working with an area of personal interest and practical significance. Makes recommendations which translate theoretical understandings of a defined area into new practice initiatives.

What can I expect to learn?

Paper content will be negotiated by student and supervisor and will relate to the student's chosen special topic.

How is this paper taught?

Location: Depends on campus of supervisor (AUT North, City, South and Millennium)

Teaching period: Offered in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 (Summer School only if academic supervisor available)

Block course: No

Teaching style: The paper is largely self-directed, with oversight from an experienced supervisor who will meet regularly (in person, over the phone or electronically) with the student to help develop the learning contract and promote the student's critical thinking. The supervisor will provide feedback, help the student interpret the marking criteria in relation to his or her topic, and mark the assignment

How will I be assessed?

1. Written Assignment

Who will be teaching me?

Paper Coordinator: Dr. Tony MacCulloch, RN, MEd (Hons), PGDipCouns., PhD

Tony MacCulloch currently co-ordinates and facilitates this paper. He brings many years' experience in general and psychiatric nursing, counselling and education in NZ and the UK and has a broad understanding of the increasingly complex and demanding pressures faced by staff in the health sector. This fuels a deep concern for the well-being of health professionals and their clients combined with a strong commitment to empowering practitioners through supportive skilled professional supervision. His PhD 'Mappings of the interior: A critical discourse analysis of emotional competence', uncovers major new insights into the increasingly widespread commodification of emotional functioning, with its accompanying potential for oppression, marginalisation and control.

Fees

Information about paper tuition fee for papers may be found at:

<http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/fees-scholarships-and-finance/fees/postgraduate-fees>

Enrolment and enquires

Please contact Debra Spinetto for any enquiries about enrolment. Further information about our postgraduate offerings may be found online.