

## DO YOU NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WORKING WITH ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER?

There are exciting opportunities for study and learning in Youth Health at the University of Auckland

### 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!



Adolescents and young adults (12-24) with cancer present a unique set of challenges for health professionals. They have distinct physical, psychological and developmental needs that are significantly different from those of children or those of adults. Health professionals working with adolescents and young adults need special skills and understanding in order to maximise outcomes for this patient population.

The University of Auckland offers the opportunity for you to develop and advance your knowledge, skills and expertise in this area. Why not become a clinical care champion for adolescents and young adults with cancer within your service.

There are Three avenues for study: Certificate of Proficiency, Postgraduate certificate or Diploma in Health Sciences specialising in youth health. Courses offered at the School of Population Health in a flexible learning format. A full outline of the programme and courses can be found on the university website: [www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/youthhealth](http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/youthhealth)

Or, if students are enrolled in a programme of specialist study, they can include the below papers as a 30 point combined course into your programme.

Papers that specialise in AYA Care include:

#### **PAEDS 712 - Youth Clinical Skills - 15 Points**

This course gives health professionals the core generic skills and knowledge essential for working with young people in any health care setting. The course develops and extends knowledge and skills in clinical interviewing, comprehensive assessment and effective intervention with adolescents and young adults.

#### **PAEDS 721 - Clinical Care of Adolescents and Young Adults with cancer - 15 Points**

This course builds on the generic knowledge and skills taught in PAEDS 712 while providing advanced knowledge and skills in AYA cancer care in areas such as transitional care, survivorship, biology and treatment during adolescent and young adult years, consent and ethical issues, and adherence strategies for the adolescent and young adult.

To help you on your way, Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand are generously offering for 2023 semester 2, 3x \$1,000 scholarships for health professionals working in the area of blood cancer



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For more information on the course and scholarship application process see the following link: <https://ayacancernetwork.org.nz/professional-development/>

Or scan the QR code or contact Heidi Watson on 021 337 129 or

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