Concepts of Rehabilitation
(RHAB805)

Pathways, programmes/specialisations the paper is attached to
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science, Master of Health Science, Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science, Master of Health Practice in the Rehabilitation specialisation area.

Am I eligible to enrol in this paper?
The paper is for health professionals who will normally have completed the requirements of one of the following in a relevant field from a New Zealand tertiary institution or equivalent:

- A bachelor’s degree
- Professional qualification recognised by the university as being equivalent to a bachelor’s degree
- Evidence of professional experience deemed by the university to be equivalent to a bachelor’s degree

Where entry qualifications do not meet the criteria for study at postgraduate level, completion of transitional studies may be required before the applicant is admitted to the programme.

What is this paper about?
Enables students to explore and challenge their own practice through critical review of knowledge, research and practice. Students search and critique literature pertinent to the area of rehabilitation. The influence of different factors on current practice and the implications for future practice are critiqued in light of increased knowledge in rehabilitation.

What can I expect to learn?
Models of rehabilitation
- What makes rehabilitation different to a care or treatment model?
- Historical perspectives and concepts in rehabilitation Consideration of different approaches (e.g. ICF, Māori Health, Recovery) Ethical, cultural and political factors and understandings

Key rehabilitation processes
- Assessment
- Goals
- Teams
- Working with family/whanau

Introduction to key rehabilitation outcomes
- Understanding what outcomes matter most and why
- Measuring outcome across domains (including but not limited to ICF and QoL models)
- What is high quality rehabilitation?

Critical review of research and principles of evidence-based practice

How is this paper taught?
Location: On campus at AUT North, AUT University
Teaching Period(s): Offered in both Semester 1 and Semester 2
Online: Online learning tasks incorporated
Block Course: Yes

How will I be assessed?
1. Written Assessment 5000 words

Who will be teaching me?
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Felicity is a Senior Lecturer in Rehabilitation and Case Management. She co-ordinates undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in case management, and co-leads the Engagement, Health and Rehabilitation Cluster in the Centre for Person Centred Research. She is an experienced speech-language therapist, with 15 years’ experience working in acute neurology and neurological rehabilitation. Her research focuses on relational practices in rehabilitation, exploring how patients and practitioners work together, and how and why practitioners work in the ways they do.
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Enrolment and enquiries
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