

Disability studies in New Zealand

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NURS604 Health, Illness & Disability
– Currently offered (3rd Year undergraduate)

Lincoln University

None

Massey University

Health: 250.317 Disability in Society
– Currently offered Dr Mary Breheny.

Sociology: 176.317 Sociology of Disability
– Not currently offered

University of Otago

Education: EDUC105 Disability Studies:
An Introduction
– Currently offered Dr Gill Rutherford

Nursing: NURS433: Intellectual Disability – Theory
into Practice
– Not currently offered

University of Canterbury

Sport Coaching:
SPCO 308 Athletes with Disabilities
– Currently offered

University of Auckland

Faculty of Education And Social Work – Disability
Studies: DISABTY 111 Disability and Support
– Currently offered

Faculty of Education And Social Work – Disability
Studies: DISABTY 113G Making Disabilities: The
Construction of Ideas
– Currently offered

Faculty of Education And Social Work – Disability
Studies: DISABTY 200 Disability Frameworks
– Currently offered

Faculty of Education And Social Work – Disability
Studies: DISABTY 316 Supporting Active
Participation
– Currently offered

Victoria University of Wellington

Education: EDUC 342 Exceptional Learners: Special
Education
– Currently offered - Larah Van Der Meer

The University of Waitako

Disability and Inclusion Studies (offered through
the Faculty of Education)

NB: This is not an exhaustive list as it is limited by
the search for disability in the title. Other courses
will have a focus on disability, but will not have a
primary focus on disability. As you will see, these
papers, apart from the University of Otago nursing
paper are pan-disability. There is no overt focus
on intellectual disability in any other paper we can
identify.

PhD Supervision

PhD opportunities tend not to come directly from
these courses and are more likely to be topic / indi-
vidual driven. There are a number of people who
supervise intellectual disability related PhD's includ-
ing myself (Donald Beasley Institute / University of
Otago), Professor Leigh Hale (University of Otago),
Professor Kate Diesfeld (Auckland University of
Otago), Dr Jenny Conder (Donald Beasley Institute /
University of Otago) and Carol Hamilton (University
of Waikato) as the more known supervisors in this
area. I currently have 3 PhD students working on
intellectual disability related topics, and 2 students
with a focus on ASD.

Again, this is not an exhaustive list but highlights
some key people in the field.