

# RESEARCH METHODS IN HEALTH

Fellows should be able to read, critically appraise, and absorb medical literature, and have the foundational skills to carry out research in a subject of some relevance to their clinical practice. This is done through the completion of a [medical literature project](#) (MLP), original research, or the completion of the University of Auckland's [POPLHLTH 701 Research Methods in Health](#) course (or equivalent).

## The College is removing the option to complete the MLP

Decision approved by Executive Committee August 2024.

**Current registrars** may complete the MLP as part of their training programme requirements if the outline is received by the office on or before 31 December 2024 **and** the final MLP submission is marked and considered satisfactory by 30 June 2025.

Otherwise, to satisfy this requirement, registrars must complete:

- University of Auckland POPLHLTH701
- A university paper considered equivalent to the POPLHLTH701 paper by the Education Committee
- Original Research (typically completed within a university setting, with results peer reviewed and published in an international journal).

Completion of a paper in Research Methods in Health (eg POPLHLTH701) does not also count as the optional paper requirement of the [university papers](#) training programme requirements.

## Medical Literature Project

Those considering the MLP should read the [instructions](#) carefully, and submit an outline of the proposed paper to the Education Committee for approval before writing a draft. Outlines, drafts, and final papers should be emailed to [assignments@rnzcuc.org.nz](mailto:assignments@rnzcuc.org.nz). Marks are not provided to those who pass; the markers complete the marking schedules once the EdC has confirmed that the paper has failed to achieve the required standard.

Please review exemplars of completed MLP on the [research page](#) of the website. We will ask authors of MLP that have received a pass mark if we can publish the paper on that page.

## Recognition of prior learning or alternatives

Registrars may apply to the EdC to consider and approve alternative papers, courses, or qualifications in place of POPLHLTH701.

## Extended Assignments

*Instructions for anyone explicitly instructed to complete the **extended assignments** (typically registrars who joined prior to 2015) are available [here](#).*