The teaching team:

**Associate Professor Janie Sheridan** is a registered pharmacist in New Zealand with over 30 years professional and research experience, including working in substance misuse treatment service provision and as Director of the Faculty’s Centre for Addiction Research (CFAR).

**Dr David Newcombe** trained in nursing and practiced for over 25 years. He also worked as an alcohol and drug counsellor for number of years prior to joining faculty. He is the Director of the Postgraduate Addiction Programme. He is an Associate Director of CFAR.

**Associate Professor Peter Adams** is a clinical psychologist. He has published two books on addiction issues. His research interests include public health and gambling, addiction treatment services, and domestic violence.

**Associate Professor Chris Bullen** is a medical doctor with specialist training in public health medicine and epidemiology. His research speciality is in clinical trials of tobacco smoking interventions. Dr Bullen is Director of the National Institute for Health Innovation, a large multidisciplinary research centre at The University of Auckland.
Universitas 21 Health Sciences Summer School in Substance Misuse Studies: A Harm Reduction Approach

Worldwide, the use of legally available and illegal psychoactive substances is associated with a range of poor health outcomes, and negative consequences for families and communities. Costs are incurred by healthcare systems, justice, police and social services.

The Summer School will focus on the issue of substance misuse and its consequences from a public health perspective. A harm reduction philosophy will underpin the programme, which is one which accepts that many people are unable or unwilling to be abstinent, and puts in place interventions which reduce harm to the individual, the community and society.

The Summer School will take an interprofessional learning approach, with students learning in multiprofessional teams. The programme will also include a focus on cultural issues of New Zealand Māori and Pacific peoples in the context of substance misuse and harm reduction interventions, and the need for a culturally competent health workforce.

Focus
- Focus on the issue of substance misuse and its consequences from a public health perspective.
- Students assigned to multi-professional teams, in which they will work for the duration of the Summer School.
- Each team will develop an intervention which they will present to a group of experts in substance misuse issues.

Facts
- Experiential learning.
- Ten days study, with optional weekend in Rotorua.
- National and international experts as speakers and facilitators.
- Focus on teamwork skills.
- Indigenous populations and other cultural perspectives.

For
- Undergraduates who have completed at least two years of study.
- Medicine, pharmacy, nursing, dentistry, health and rehabilitation sciences students.

U21 Health Sciences
The U21 Health Sciences group is a collaborative group within the higher education network Universitas 21. It was created in 2000 to provide Health Sciences academics and students within U21 member universities with a framework for exploring opportunities for collaborative research, information exchange, and a sharing of resources.

The University of Auckland
The University of Auckland is New Zealand’s largest and highest ranked university with 38,500 students and close to 5,000 staff. The University’s four main campuses are vibrant places to study and work. The University is also centred around more than 50 research units, centres and institutes. The University is the only New Zealand member of Universitas 21, and is also a member of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities and Worldwide Universities Network, facilitating international collaboration in research.

Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences
The Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences is situated on the edge of Auckland’s city centre opposite New Zealand’s largest teaching hospital. It is a diverse faculty with more than 4,000 students studying 21 specialist health degrees and other qualifications for health professionals.

Auckland
Auckland is the largest city in New Zealand with a multicultural population of approximately 1.5 million people. Known affectionately as the City of Sails, Auckland is situated on a narrow isthmus between the Waitemata Harbour, on the Pacific Ocean, and the Manukau Harbour, on the Tasman Sea. July marks midwinter in New Zealand, but with a mild maritime climate, Auckland daytime highs reach 14°C, with a mixture of sunshine and moderate rain.

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