

Dianne Wepa  
Research Active Associate Professor  
Social Work



## Research interests

Associate Professor Dr Dianne Wepa is the Head of Discipline, Social Work at CDU and an Indigenous Maori woman from New Zealand. Dianne's Phd focused on how Māori engaged with healthcare services. She has published journal articles, textbooks and provided Keynote presentations on Cultural Safety, Suicide Prevention and Clinical Supervision. Dianne is an Accredited Mental Health Social Worker with AASW and holds several adjunct positions with the University of South Australia; University of Bradford, UK and Auckland University of Technology, NZ. Dianne's research in 2023 includes: the impact of digital technology on suicide prevention; fathers' use of Kangaroo Care with new-born babies; Aboriginal peoples' mental health discourse; digital incident reporting in Sweden; evaluating health services users' satisfaction for Kurdish Immigrants; demystifying case management in New Zealand; Health professionals' perspectives of legal cannabis users; Australian midwifery students' resilience and Māori in a Post COVID-19 world. Dianne serves on the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Education, Culture and Society (IJECS). She is supervising 10 higher degree students in Australia, UK and New Zealand and will be publishing her 3rd edition of Cultural Safety in Aotearoa New Zealand in early 2024

## Qualifications

PhD, Struggling to be involved: A grounded theory for Maori engagement in healthcare, Auckland University of Technology

Award Date: 16 Nov 2016

Master, Master of Philosophy, Massey University, Palmerston North

Award Date: 7 Feb 2001

Bachelor, Bachelor of Social Work, Massey University, Palmerston North

Award Date: 6 Feb 1991

## Employment

### Associate Professor of Social Work

Research Active Associate Professor

Social Work

Faculty of Health

4 Jan 2024 → present

### Honorary researcher

University of Bradford

United Kingdom

5 May 2023 → present

### Adjunct academic

University of South Australia

Adelaide, Australia

10 Oct 2021 → present

### Associate Professor

Auckland University of Technology

New Zealand

2 Feb 2018 → present

## Research outputs

Reconnecting Māori in a post-COVID-19 world: A blessing in disguise

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Exploratory study of fathers providing Kangaroo Care in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

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Developing Conflict Resolution Strategies and Building Resilient Midwifery Students: Protocol for a Mixed Methods Research Study

Simpson, N., Steen, M., Vernon, R., Briley, A. & Wepa, D., Feb 2022, In: *JMIR Research Protocols*. 11, 2, p. 1-11 11 p., e35558.

Examining the Influence of Self-compassion Education and Training Upon Parents and Families When Caring for their Children: A Systematic Review

Othman, S., Steen, M., Wepa, D. & McKellar, L., 2022, In: *Open Psychology Journal*. 15, 1, p. 1-16 16 p., e187435012210190.

Improving antenatal engagement for Aboriginal women in Australia: A scoping review

Simpson, N., Wepa, D. & Bria, K., Dec 2020, In: *Midwifery*. 91, p. 1-12 12 p., 102825.

The impact of suicide prevention education programmes for nursing students: A systematic review

Ferguson, M., Reis, J., Rabbetts, L., McCracken, T., Loughhead, M., Rhodes, K., Wepa, D. & Procter, N., 1 Oct 2020, In: *International Journal of Mental Health Nursing*. 29, 5, p. 756-771 16 p.

Intercultural Perspectives

Wepa, D., 1 Jan 2020, *Nursing Ethics: Feminist Perspectives*. Kohlen, H. & McCarthy, J. (eds.). Germany: Springer, p. 83-92 10 p.

Cultural Safety in Aotearoa New Zealand, Second edition

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Introduction

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An Exploration of the Experiences of Cultural Safety Educators in New Zealand: An Action Research Approach

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## **Press/Media**