

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title:

Navigating Ageing and End of Life Care for Māori and Pacific Island people living in Western Australia.

Project Summary:

The study aims to explore how Māori and Pacific Islander people living in Western Australia experience, understand, and navigate ageing and end-of-life care, and to identify culturally safe pathways to improve care quality, equity, and accessibility. Māori and Pacific Islander peoples living in Western Australia represent diverse diasporic communities with strong cultural values centred on whānau, spirituality, collective wellbeing, and relational approaches to health, ageing, and dying. Māori and Pacific communities often experience inequities in access to aged care, palliative care, and end-of-life services within Australian health systems. These inequities may be amplified for Māori and Pacific Islander Elders due to migration histories, systemic racism, limited cultural safety within services, and models of care that privilege Western, individualised approaches to ageing and death. Little research has explored how these meanings and practices are navigated within Western Australian health, aged care, and palliative care systems, particularly from the perspectives of elders, families, and communities themselves. This research responds to a critical gap by privileging Māori and Pacific knowledges and lived experiences. Research methods include Kaupapa Maori research, qualitative approaches to research, lived experience.

Preferred Applicant Skillset:

The preferred candidate would have experience in nursing, allied health or social work-related background. They would have a lived experience of being from Māori or Pacific Island descent or be able to with cultural ways of knowing.

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