



Bachelor of Nursing (TK1901) Level 7

The WITT three year nursing degree will provide you with the skills to become an effective registered nurse. The Bachelor of Nursing degree has up to 1,100 hours of clinical placement to prepare you for the workforce, connecting you with employment before you even graduate.

You will learn how to:

- provide safe, caring and evidence-based nursing care.
- access, comprehend and assess information from a range of sources.
- apply clinical reasoning and judgement to the level of a beginning practitioner, informed by communication and social skills.
- work collaboratively as part of team in learning and providing competent and safe nursing care in a variety of settings.
- practice within the legal, ethical and cultural safety parameters of the nursing profession in different contexts.
- demonstrate professional behaviour consistent and with and informed by a high ethical standard.
- engage in self-directed learning and take responsibility for on-going learning.
- integrate the Treaty of Waitangi / Te Tiriti o Waitangi into professional practice.
- develop resilience and demonstrate intellectual independence, critical thinking skills and analytical rigour.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

BNU5.003 Nursing Science 1

To enable students to develop foundational knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of human body systems including the biological principles that govern the homeostatic functioning of the human body.

BNU5.004 Interpersonal Relationships

To enable students to communicate professionally with health consumers and members of the healthcare team and others.

BNU5.005 Management of Nursing Care 1

To enable students to manage nursing care with health consumers.

BNU5.006 Professional Responsibility

To enable students to explore the ethical, legal and professional responsibilities of nursing.

BNU5.007 Health and Wellness

To enable students to explore the influence of socio-ecological perspectives on health.

BNU5.008 Nursing the Person with Long Term Health Needs

To enable students to apply knowledge, skills and attitudes of nursing practice in a gerontological clinical setting.

BNU5.009 Management of Nursing Care 2

To enable students to gain nursing knowledge and skills in relation to management of healthcare.

BNU5.010 Nursing Science 2

To enable students to develop advanced knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of the human body systems, including the biological processes that govern the homeostatic functioning of the human body, and an introduction to pharmacology.

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Programme Specific Information

The BN curriculum is underpinned by nursing values, educational goals and practice foci. In the twenty-first century the health needs of the person and family/whānau may be complex and diverse, set in a constantly changing health care environment. The two key values which inform the BN curriculum are the concepts of 'partnership' and 'caring'.

Other key values which thread through your learning are health and wellness/hauora, relational practice, critical thinking, clinical decision-making, cultural safety and ethics/law.

Classroom hours may be from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Students will be expected to be able to undertake 40 hours per week of study. Where possible the programme timetable allows for holidays that coincide with school holidays, however this is not always possible due to the clinical practice placement requirements.

Students will be in practice, either simulated or actual practice from the beginning of the programme. Time in practice increases throughout the programme and then becomes blocks of practice to prepare the graduate for the workplace. There are also opportunities for students to choose some specialty areas of practice. Shift patterns of Early / Lates and weekends commences at end of year one.

Clinical Skills Lab work:

The Clinical Skills Lab provides an environment for practicing techniques and learning clinical experiences. Simulation time is timetabled most weeks. Students must wear uniform for all clinical skills sessions and clinical practice placements.

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Year Two Compulsory Courses

BNU6.003

Wanaka Hauora

To enable students to discuss and analyse the concept of Hauora Māori and its application to the delivery of healthcare.

BNU6.004

Knowledge for Nursing and Practice 2: Mental Health and Addictions

To enable students to explore theoretical frameworks related to mental health and how the use of these can influence mental health or addiction nursing across the lifespan.

BNU6.005

Nursing the Person with Altered Mental Health or Addiction

To enable students to apply nursing knowledge and skills in a culturally safe manner with people who experience altered mental health or addiction.

BNU6.006

Knowledge for Nursing Practice 3: Physical Health

To enable students to gain knowledge relevant to safe and effective nursing practice in a physical healthcare environment, throughout the lifespan.

BNU6.007

Nursing the Person with Altered Physical Health

To enable students to utilise knowledge and skills to provide safe and effective nursing practice for people with altered physical health, throughout the lifespan.

Year Three Compulsory Courses

BNU7.003

Evidence for Nursing Practice

To enable students to examine how evidence for practice (research and research design) supports clinical decision making.

BNU7.004

Pharmacology for Nursing Practice

To enable students to explore the issues and concepts surrounding the use and administration of drugs and relate this knowledge to nursing practice.

BNU7.005

Knowledge for Nursing Practice 4: Family, Whānau and Community Nursing

To enable students to critically examine the impact of social, political, economic and environmental influences on family/whānau and community health in New Zealand throughout the lifespan.

BNU7.006

Family, Whānau and Community Nursing

To enable students to apply knowledge skills and attributes to provide appropriate family, whānau and community nursing care throughout the lifespan which includes knowledge of maternal, neonatal health and healthcare.

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Tutorials:

These are provided regularly for small groups of students to discuss aspects of their learning journey. Students will explore and reflect on practice as well as learning issues. All students are required to attend the majority of tutorials.

Blended learning:

Students will have the opportunity to undertake their learning using a variety of methods including:

- Lectures
- Online activities
- Debates
- Science lab work
- E-Portfolios

Career Options:

Graduates of the WITT Bachelor of Nursing will be eligible to be put forward to the Nursing Council of New Zealand to become a Registered Nurse.

Entry Requirements

Academic achievement

These qualifications and courses of study meet the university entrance standard specified by NZQA.

University Entrance for 2020 NCEA learners:

Following NZQA advice University Entrance will be 12 credits in each of three NZQA approved subjects rather than the standard 14 credits.

University Entrance (pre 2020): NCEA Level 3 (60 credits at Level 3 and 20 credits at Level 2 or higher) which must include:

14 credits at Level 3 in:

- English or an approved literary subject
- Biology or physical education or chemistry
- One other approved subject

And

- Numeracy - 14 credits at Level 1 or above

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BNU7.007

Contemporary Issues
in Nursing and
Healthcare

To enable students to critically analyse contemporary nursing issues in relation to healthcare delivery.

BNU7.008

Transition to
Registered Nurse
Practice

To enable students to prepare for transition to the registered nurse scope of practice.

English language proficiency

If English is not the applicant's first language, applicants will need to provide a result from a test or qualification on the acceptable alternatives English Proficiency Outcomes Chart.

- IELTS 6.5 Academic (*no lower than 6.5 in all subtests). IELTS scores are valid for two years from the date of the test.

Programme Fees and Additional Expenses

Programme Fees

See website for domestic and international prices.

Additional Expenses

Clinical Key - \$450

Access to a large collection of medical and surgical journals, reference works, books, handouts and more

Indemnity Insurance (Compulsory)

- Or NZNO - approx \$40
- Or Nurses Society - \$25
- Or Private Cover - approx \$350

Vital Sign Pack - prices will vary depending on the supplier you use

Fob Watch - prices will vary depending on the supplier you use

Vaccinations (recommended) - up to \$150 depending on immunity status

Stationery

Folders, writing pads, pens, etc. - \$50

Computer consumables - \$150

Uniform (x2) - approx \$90 each

Travel to and from clinical placements

As placements may be undertaken throughout the Taranaki region travel costs will vary.