

Competency Assessment Programme – Registered Nurse (TK1902) Level 7

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| Start dates: | January, May, September |
| Credits: | 35 |
| Level: | 7 |
| Domestic applications due: | Received all year |
| International applications due: | 20 Nov for Jan start 25 March for May start 12 August for Sept start |
| Location: | WITT Campus, New Plymouth |

Programme Specific Information

Obtain a current practicing certificate to work as a registered nurse in New Zealand.

This intensive programme comprises of three weeks of theory and includes study in ethics, regulations in New Zealand, quality assurance, cultural safety and preparation for clinical practice and a practical clinical component which runs for six weeks.

Please note this is a pathway to reactivate your existing scope of practice.

Internationally qualified nurses please note: this programme will accept internationally qualified nurses who currently hold an approved registration in a country other than New Zealand. Internationally qualified nurses require a current visa or other evidence of right to study in New Zealand, with the appropriate letter to allow entry to the clinical workplace.

Applications are accepted subject to the availability of suitable clinical placement.

Career Options

After completion of the theory and clinical components and having successfully met the Nursing Council of New Zealand's competencies for registration, you may apply to the Nursing Council of New Zealand for a current practicing certificate.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

To be awarded the Competency Assessment Programme – Registered Nurse (Training Scheme) students must achieve 35 WITT credits. 100% attendance is required.

CAP7.001
Nursing in the Context of Aotearoa New Zealand – Registered Nurse

To enable students to meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand's Competencies for the Registered Nurse scope of practice.

CAP7.002
Nursing Practice in Aotearoa New Zealand – Registered Nurse

To enable New Zealand and overseas Registered Nurses to demonstrate competency to practise in New Zealand.

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.

Clinical practice:

Students spend 240 programme hours in a clinical setting in Taranaki health care organisations to learn the practice of nursing. Placements will include:

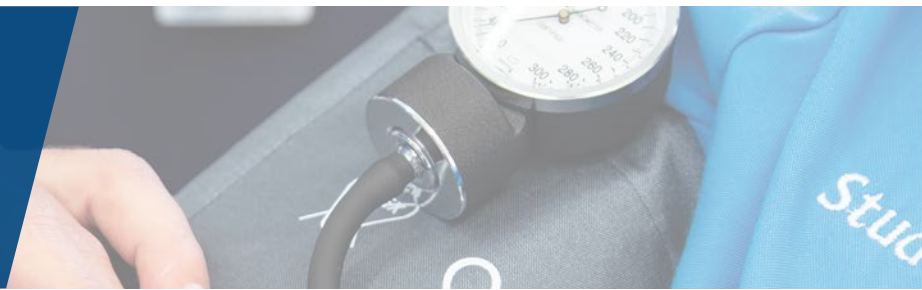
- Primary health care and community settings
- Acute care including medical and surgical settings
- Continuing care settings including rehabilitation / disability care settings
- Mental health care including acute and rehabilitation / continuing care settings

Blended Learning:

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

- Lectures
- Online activities
- Online quizzes and activities

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Entry Requirements

Academic achievement

Applicants must be a New Zealand Registered Nurse or an internationally qualified nurse with the appropriate documentation (see Additional Requirements) and have at least one year of employment as a Registered Nurse.

Additional requirements

New Zealand applicants will be New Zealand registered nurses.

Internationally qualified nurses must:

- hold an approved registration in a country other than New Zealand
- have a letter from the Nursing Council approving their qualification and documenting the English, theoretical, and practical requirements they must meet in order to gain registration in New Zealand.
- have a current visa or other evidence of right to study in New Zealand with the appropriate letter to allow entry to the clinical workplace and,
- if from a non-English speaking background meet the English requirements (see right).

In order to participate in the clinical components of the programme, you must meet various Health Authority requirements. Currently, MRSA clearance is required by clinical practice areas.

Consent to Disclosure of Information

Successful applicants will be required to:

- complete a New Zealand Police Consent to Disclosure of Information form depending on their placement. The form will be sent to the Police Licensing and Vetting Service, and returned in confidence to the Head of School. Information on the NZ Police Vetting Service is available from the New Zealand Police website.
- provide two referee reports (one must be from your most recent employer who is required to attest to your ability to communicate and comprehend safely in English).

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

English language requirements

- IELTS Academic Requirements – 7.0 Overall (Speaking 7.0; Reading 7.0; Writing 7.0; Listening 7.0)
- IELTS scores are valid for two years from the date of the test

Selection criteria

Usually the maximum number of students that can be accepted in any one intake is 25 This is directly linked to the availability of suitable clinical placements.

In the event of the number of applicants exceeding the number of places, applicants will be accepted in order of application and clinical placement availability. If suitable applicants exceed the maximum intake students per programme, applicants will be placed on a wait list in order of application.

The final decision for entry will be conditional upon all required documentation being sighted and verified as well as the availability of a suitable clinical placement.

Programme Fees and Additional Expenses

Programme Fees

See website for domestic and international prices.

Additional Expenses

Textbooks - price TBC

Indemnity Insurance (Compulsory)

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

Medical screening (MRSA) - approx \$65

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 \$450 depending on immunity status (excl any clinical consultation fees)

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.