



Bachelor of Nursing (Level 7)



Domestic Fees

2026 fees to be confirmed



International Fees

\$29,761.00*



Intakes

23/02/2026



Campus

New Plymouth



Duration

3 years full-time or part-time equivalent up to 5 years



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WITT

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TECHNOLOGY AT TARANAKI
TE KURA MATATINI O TARANAKI

Gain the necessary knowledge base, practical skills and attitudes to work safely, effectively and productively with clients within a healthcare setting. With over 1,000 hours of clinical placement you will learn the value of optimising the physical, mental and social wellbeing of people and their communities, promoting balanced lifestyles and supporting people to realise their full potential.

On successful completion of the Bachelor of Nursing degree, you are supported through the process of registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand.

Benefit from small classes, dedicated clinically experienced tutors and regular time in our modern clinical skills lab, Pokapu Whaihanga, where you put your new clinical skills into practice.

You will learn how to:

- Meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies for the Registered Nurse scope of practice.
- Practise safe, caring, effective and competent nursing at a beginning Registered Nurse (RN) level, in a variety of healthcare settings and environments.
- Articulate the place of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi in healthcare delivery and nursing practice.
- Practise in a culturally safe manner that reflects a broad understanding of health and wellness.
- Analyse the impact of historical, cultural, political, social, economic and environmental influences on health and nursing practice.
- Incorporate self-authorship, critical thinking, clinical reasoning and problem-solving capabilities into your nursing practice.
- Effectively apply a range of theories, frameworks and models in theory daily practice with individuals, families, whānau and communities.
- Apply a comprehensive health assessment within the individual's family, whānau and community.
- Communicate effectively and develop effective

therapeutic partnerships and actions with individuals, families, whānau and communities.

- Be collaborative and respectful with interprofessional colleagues.
- Lead and manage within the context of registered nurse scope of practice.
- Act professionally, and in a caring manner, by incorporating respect for, and valuing diversity of, life choices and health options.
- Enhance their professional development through lifelong learning.

Entry Requirements

Academic Requirements

University Entrance:

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
- 14 credits at Level 3 in:
 - English or an approved literacy subject*
 - Biology or physical education or chemistry
 - One other subject from the list of approved subjects*
- Literacy* - 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of
 - 5 credits in reading
 - 5 credits in writing.

As well as

- Numeracy** - 10 credits at Level 1 or above made up of:
 - Co-requisite Level 1 numeracy unit standard (US32406) or te pāngarau unit standard (US32412), or
 - Achievement standards

Or

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 4) or equivalent

Or

If you have undertaken examinations other than NCEA

(e.g. International Baccalaureate, Cambridge Examination), WITT will assess your qualification*.

*NZQA approved subjects: see

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/>

Alternative Entry Options

If you show that you have equivalent skills for tertiary study gained through study, work and/or life experience, you may be able to gain alternative entry.

Note: This qualification may be reduced where you have relevant credits from previous study, or evidence of similar learning or experience in the workplace. Contact WITT for advice.

All applicants interested in nursing should apply for entry into the Bachelor of Nursing in the first instance. The WITT School of Nursing will contact you to confirm you meet the academic entry criteria for the Bachelor of Nursing or to assist you in designing your study pathway into the Bachelor of Nursing.

Special Admission Criteria

Applicants must meet entry criteria as approved by WITT's Academic Board. As students will be undertaking practice in a variety of clinical placements, admission is subject to consideration of:

- Criminal, Disciplinary and Health Declaration form
- References
- 'Readiness to Study Nursing' Self-disclosure form
- First Aid Declaration (First Aid Certificate, no older than 9 months from the beginning of the Bachelor of Nursing programme)
- Immunisation declaration
- Travel declaration

Required Forms

Note that the following forms will be required when applying to study Bachelor of Nursing at WITT. **Please make sure to complete an application before**

submitting these forms.

[Additional Information Required](#)

[Health Screen & Vaccination Requirements](#)

[Referee Reports](#) (You must provide two referees. Examples include: teacher, doctor, employer, club leader, etc)

[Police Vetting Form](#) (External link. Note that this form will have to be emailed, or printed out and handed in to reception staff)

English Language Proficiency

If English is not your first language, you 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.

Note: The English Language requirements for this programme are higher than the minimum set by NZQA, therefore; applicants who have achieved NCEA Level 3 University Entrance may be required to provide evidence of English Language skills.

Programme Specific Information

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

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 commence at the end of year two.

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.

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
- Group work
- E-Portfolios

Classroom hours may be from 8:00am 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, due to clinical placements requirements they do not always coincide with school holidays.

Additional Expenses

Nursing kit, Laptop, Comprehensive First Aid Certificate (current).

*International Fee Exclusions

International fees displayed are for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits); OR as specified for the duration of the programme of study, and do not

include the below;

- Travel and Medical Insurance – NZ \$700 per year (provided by UniCare NZ)
- Compulsory Student Services Fee (CSSF) – NZ \$303 per 120 credits
- One-off, non-refundable registration fee – NZ \$300 (charged at enrolment)

International fees may increase in each new academic year. Any increase in the fees is required to be paid in full before a student is enrolled and allowed to attend class.

Career Opportunities

Registered Nurses in New Zealand may work in any area of nursing practice: for example, mental health, acute care, community and aged care settings. Graduates must pass the Nursing Council of New Zealand registration exams to become a registered nurse.