New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing
Programme Overview

The New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing is an 18 month full time programme, approved by Nursing Council of New Zealand, which prepares students to become an Enrolled Nurse.

Enrolled Nurses are a part of the health care team that deliver nursing care to individuals in community, residential and hospital settings by contributing to nursing assessment, care planning and implementation and evaluation; however the registered nurse remains responsible overall.

The Enrolled Nurse performs delegated interventions as directed by a Registered Nurse:

- Provide care and comfort for individuals and groups
- Assist and support clients with the activities of daily living
- Observe and report changes in individual/group conditions and behaviours
- Safeguard dignity and promote independence

The Diploma is a combination of theory and lab simulation i.e. classroom based sessions at our Porirua campus, and supported clinical experience, which is practical/hands-on work completed in a variety of community and hospital settings.

Becoming an Enrolled Nurse

Students who successfully complete the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing are eligible to sit the Nursing Council of New Zealand State Final Examinations. When these examinations are passed, the student applies to Nursing Council for registration as an Enrolled Nurse.

Career Opportunities

An enrolled nurse can work in any nursing and health setting under the direction and delegation of a registered nurse. Graduate enrolled nurses working for District Health Boards earn $49,000 per year.

Why choose Whitireia?

- The School of Health and Social Services has an excellent reputation for offering a friendly and supportive blended learning environment.
- We utilise a variety of teaching processes, which focus on discovery learning and active participation in workshops, lectures and tutorials.
- We provide supported clinical experiences which lead to a work-ready graduate.
- The Wikitoria Katene building provides state-of-the-art simulated clinical learning environments for our nursing and paramedic students. These simulation suites give students access to the latest technology.

Academic Staff

All our academic staff are registered nurses, who are well qualified academically and clinically. As nurse lecturers, they have a wealth of knowledge in a variety of backgrounds and a passion for their specialties, which include primary health care, mental health, medical/surgical and gerontology.
# Programme Outline

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<th>Programme Length</th>
<th>18 months full time: Part A (full year) and Part B (half year)</th>
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<td>Programme Dates</td>
<td>15 February-19 November 2021</td>
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<td>Please note the programme breaks do not always match the primary and secondary school holidays.</td>
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<td>Hours on Campus</td>
<td>9:00am-4:00pm – three-four days a week during theory weeks.</td>
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<td>The non-teaching day during theory weeks is Friday.</td>
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<td>Hours and days will vary during clinical weeks.</td>
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<td>Learning Mode</td>
<td>These programmes are delivered by blended learning i.e. face to face and online learning. This means some of your lessons may be delivered via Moodle (our online learning platform) which will require you to have a computer and internet access at home. Students will also need to be able to study from home should Covid-19 Alert Levels change.</td>
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<td>Independent Study</td>
<td>Approximately two hours each day.</td>
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<td>Programme Fees</td>
<td>2021 fees will be available on the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing pages on the Whitireia website from October; as a guide, the 2020 fees were $6,816.00 (Part A). These fees apply to NZ Citizens &amp; Permanent Residents only.</td>
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<td>Please note students enrol in, and pay for, Part A in year one and then enrol in, and pay for, Part B in year two.</td>
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<td><strong>Required course related costs:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Full details on course related requirements and costs will be available on the programme webpage from October.</strong></td>
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<td>(all costs are approximate)</td>
<td>Health screening: $250 to be completed prior to programme start</td>
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<td>Medical equipment: $120 to be ordered prior to programme start</td>
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<td>Uniform: $200 to be ordered prior to programme start</td>
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<td>Computer/laptop/internet: Prices vary</td>
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<td>Vaccinations (if required by clinical placement): Costs will vary depending on vaccination required i.e. flu, whooping cough.</td>
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<td>Other course related costs:</td>
<td><strong>Stationery:</strong> $100</td>
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<td><strong>Clinical travel costs:</strong> Year One: $780-$1,000 Year Two: $600-$800</td>
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<td><strong>Watch with second hand:</strong> From $25-$100</td>
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<td>E-resources/Textbooks</td>
<td>Students will be provided with access to online resources including textbooks, journals and, if required by the programme, the vSIM online simulation package. If required by the programme, students may need to purchase additional hardcopy books.</td>
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Programme Content

Detailed course information (i.e. course aims, learning outcomes, credits etc.) are available on the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing page on the Whitireia website.

**Part A (full year)**
The first year of the programme students complete five Level 4 courses which provide the foundational knowledge and skills required to enable students to work as part of the health care team with clients/patients/residents in a range of hospital and community settings. They also complete a Level 5 practice course.

**Part B (half year)**
In the second year, students enrol for six months and complete two Level 5 practice courses and work towards being prepared to work effectively, efficiently and safely within a variety of broad practice areas, including hospitals and community settings.

**Theory**
Theory hours at Whitireia are usually 9.00am-4.00pm, three-four days a week. A variety of teaching processes are used in the programme including lectures, tutorials, learning packages, workshops, student presentations, online learning and practical sessions in the simulation suites where ‘hands-on’ skills are learnt and practiced.

If there are no timetabled classes, students are expected to utilise this time on independent study. Students will also be required to complete independent study and work on assignments during weekends and term breaks.

**Clinical**
To gain the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing, students must complete a minimum of 900 hours of clinical experience.

Students will learn clinical skills in our on-site simulation suites (which are set up like hospital wards), as well as attending off-site clinical experiences in rest homes and hospitals.

We are proud of the excellent working partnerships we have with our clinical providers, which include both the Hutt Valley & Capital & Coast District Health Boards, private, iwi and community organisations. Their assistance enables us to provide students with a variety of high quality clinical placements, which allows students to experience the range of opportunities available as an enrolled nurse.
Credit Recognition

If you have relevant skills and knowledge through study or experiences in work or other activities, you may be able to receive credit for them when enrolling in a programme of study. This is done through a process called credit recognition. Credit recognition may not exceed two-thirds of your chosen programme.

If you think you may qualify for credit recognition, please contact one of our Enrolment Advisors. It is important to do this as soon as possible so that you know which course/s you may have credit for, and therefore should not enrol in. They can then assist you to check the potential impact of credit recognition on your full-time status for eligibility for loans and allowances (domestic students) and immigration requirements (international students). They will also be able to provide information on the application process, evidence required and fees.

Information (including the Credit Recognition Application form) is also available on our website under enrolment information.

Fees

There is an Application Fee of $75 for domestic students only. For both domestic and international students, the fee for assessing evidence is $100 per hour. The assessment fee is capped at three hours and is invoiced to all applicants at the end of the process regardless of the application outcome.

We recommend applying for credit recognition well before your programme starts.

Entry Requirements

Applicants must meet both the academic and suitability entry requirements.

Academic Entry Requirements

NCEA Level 2, including 12 credits in Level 1 Mathematics; or equivalent study/work experience.

International Students

Academic IELTS of 6.5 in each band.

Suitability Requirements

Attend an interview to determine the applicant's preparedness for study and ability to meet the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (if applicable), as well as any registration board requirements, in terms of being fit for registration. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following qualities:

- Effective interpersonal communication skills
- Understanding of, and capability to, work in the professional health and social services sector
- Commitment and motivation to succeed

Suitability will also be assessed with reference to the applicant's health screening, safety check* and referee reports.

*Safety Check: The Children’s Act (2014) requires all students, who may work with children during the course of their study, to be safety checked. Safety checking includes: reference checking, work history, identity check, police vet and an overall assessment of the applicant’s safety to work with children.

Application Closing Date: Friday 30 November 2020

Applications received after this date will be processed if places are still available.
How to Apply

1. We recommend you apply online from the Whitireia website. Before you start your online application, you will need to have the following documentation available to upload when requested:
   - Completed ‘Supplementary Application for Health & Social Services Programmes’ *
   - Referee reports *
   - Verified ID
   - Verified official transcripts
   - Curriculum Vitae
   
   * These additional forms are available on the programme webpage.

2. Give the referee reports to two people who are willing to be your referees. Ask them to complete the forms and either return to yourself (so you can upload with your application), or scan and email to enrolments@whitireia.ac.nz within 10 days. Please note applications will not be processed until both referee reports have been received.

3. Alternatively, completed applications can be printed off and mailed or dropped into:
   
   Enrolments, Whitireia New Zealand
   DX SX33459, Porirua 5022
   
   Enrolments, Whitireia New Zealand
   3 Wi Neera Drive, Porirua

Application Process

1. We will confirm receipt of your application by email.
2. If your application is incomplete you will be emailed and asked to provide the missing documentation.
3. Completed applications will be forwarded to the School to review.
4. Applications are processed in order, by the date the School receives the completed application.
5. Applicants who meet the academic entry requirements will be interviewed by members of the Selection Committee to determine their suitability.
6. Applicants who do not meet the academic entry requirements will be contacted and advised of other possible pathways i.e. completion of a foundation programme.

Student Loans and Allowances

This programme is approved for Student Loans and Student Allowances through StudyLink. You can use the StudyLink website tools to check to see whether you are eligible for a student loan and/or allowance.

For full information on student loans and allowances visit the StudyLink website www.studylink.govt.nz or contact them on 0800 88 99 00.

Foundation Studies

Whitireia offers a choice of programmes to assist you to gain skills and knowledge in preparation for a variety of education or employment pathways. Programmes are offered at different levels, to provide you with a pathway suitable to your background, and are offered at different campuses, so you can study closer to home. Within the programme, different strands are also available to support you to go onto further education or employment in a specific field.

Further Information

Should you have any questions, please contact an Enrolment Advisor on phone: 0800 944 847