School of Health & Social Services

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Bachelor of Nursing
Bachelor of Nursing Māori
Bachelor of Nursing Pacific
Nursing at Whitireia

For over thirty years nursing has been a major programme at Whitireia. During this time, Whitireia has developed a reputation for producing work-ready graduates who are highly regarded by industry.

Whitireia offers applicants the choice of three Bachelor of Nursing Degrees, all of which are approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand’s requirements for registration. The information on the page 7 outlines what is the same and what is unique to our Bachelor of Nursing programmes.

All are three year full time programmes offering a combination of theory 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.

Why choose Whitireia?

- The School of Health and Social Services has an excellent reputation for offering a friendly and supportive learning environment.
- We utilise a variety of teaching processes, which focus on discovery learning and active participation in workshops, lectures, tutorials and online activities.
- We provide supported clinical experiences which lead to a work-ready graduate.
- Whitireia has a vibrant student community that is rich in diversity.
- 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 and a learning environment that is a point of difference between Whitireia and most other undergraduate providers.

Whitireia nursing graduates have sound academic knowledge and are highly regarded and caring clinicians. They will develop excellent communication skills and demonstrate respect for the bicultural New Zealand environment. They will have a sound knowledge of health science and research and will be advocates for change, as well as being lifelong learners.

Academic Staff

All our academic staff are registered nurses, who are well qualified academically and clinically; although on occasion contracted staff may be used for subject expertise. 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.

Student Support

At Whitireia, we are committed to our students' success and therefore offer a range of services to meet the learning needs of individual students. These include Poutama Academic Learning Services, where one-to-one and small group assistance, peer tutoring, workshops and study skills sessions on a variety of topics, and online material are available.

To increase our students' chances of success, we provide support for our students in other ways such as financial advice, counselling, childcare facilities, and a service for students who have a disability, illness, or health problems that may interfere with their studies.

Māori and Pacific liaison staff are available to provide pastoral care for Māori and Pacific students, and information on alternative support networks and grants.
Nursing in New Zealand

**Why choose nursing?**

- Nursing is a very diverse career choice and involves working with and caring for people of all backgrounds, religions and cultures.
- Nursing is a profession that requires empathy, compassion, communication and teamwork.
- You will use your specialised knowledge and training every day, to manage the many different rewarding and challenging situations that nursing brings.
- You also need to be able to problem solve, often in challenging situations and in a variety of areas such as a person’s home, medical centre, prison, emergency room, retirement home, factory or marae.
- A nurse can earn a competitive salary and work anywhere in the world.
- With your degree, you can also advance your education and can become an independent clinical specialist, work in education, management or policy.
- The variety of opportunities for nurses is endless.

**Career Opportunities**

Our Bachelor of Nursing qualifications enable graduates to work as a beginning staff nurse in all areas where registered nurses are employed, both nationally and internationally.

Nurses are present across the entire spectrum of health-service delivery and, with over 40,000 registered; they are the largest part of the professional health workforce. The most common image of the nurse is in a hospital ward or general practice but, in reality, nurses are found in a much wider range of health and disability services settings.

There is a nurse at work in child-health services, residential-care facilities, mental-health services, community services, marae, independent-nurse clinics, public-health services, occupational health and safety, the defence forces, sexual-health services, ACC case management, prisons, policy development and implementation, health-service management, education and research – as well as in many other settings.

**Becoming a Registered Nurse**

Students who successfully complete a Bachelor of Nursing programme are required 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 a Registered Nurse.

**Future Opportunities**

On becoming a registered nurse, most graduates apply for new graduate programmes, which are run by many of the District Health Boards throughout New Zealand. Many graduates will also go on to complete postgraduate studies in nursing specialities i.e. Mental Health Nursing, Hospice Palliative Care and Primary Health Care. Some graduates will travel overseas, where a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from New Zealand is internationally recognised.

**Salaries**

The starting salary for a new graduate ranges from $40,000-$50,000 and is dependent on location, experience and shifts.
# Programme Outline

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<th>Programme Length</th>
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<td>Programme Dates</td>
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<td>10 February-9 April</td>
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<td>28 April-19 June</td>
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<td>13 July-25 September</td>
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<td>Term 4:</td>
<td>12 October-20 November</td>
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Please note the July mid-semester break does not match the primary and secondary school holidays.

| Hours on Campus | 9:00am-4:00pm during theory weeks |
|                | Hours will vary during clinical weeks (particularly in Years 2 & 3) |
| Non-teaching Day| Bachelor of Nursing: Friday       |
|                | Bachelor of Nursing Māori: Tuesday|
|                | Bachelor of Nursing Pacific:       |
|                | Wednesday (While we do try to keep to these non-teaching days, students may be required to attend tutorials, lectures and exams on these days. Also, during clinical, students must be available Monday-Friday).|

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<th>Independent Study</th>
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<td>Programme Fees</td>
<td>2020 fees will be on the Nursing pages on the Whitireia website from September; as a guide, the 2019 fees were $6,943.00. These fees apply to NZ Citizens &amp; Permanent Residents only.</td>
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<td>Additional Costs</td>
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<td>E-resources/textbooks: Students will be provided with access to online resources including textbooks, journals and, if required by the programme, the vSIM online simulation package.</td>
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<td>Health screening: $250</td>
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<td>Medical equipment: $120</td>
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<td>Clinical travel costs: Year One: $200-$300 Year Two: $900-$1,200 Year Three: $1,200-$1,600</td>
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<td>Watch with second hand: From $25-$100</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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Theory

Theory hours at Whitireia are usually 9.00am-4.00pm during theory weeks. The programmes each have a different non-teaching day (see previous page).

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 working in study teams or on independent study. Students will also be required to complete independent study and work on assignments during weekends and term breaks.

It is strongly recommended that students have a computer at home with internet access.

Clinical

To gain a Bachelor of Nursing Degree, students must complete a minimum of 1,100 hours of clinical experience (praxis).

We are proud of the excellent working partnerships we have with our clinical providers, which include both the Hutt Valley and Capital & Coast District Health Boards and 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 a registered nurse.

In Year 1, students learn clinical skills in our simulation suites (which are set up like hospital wards), as well as attending off-site clinical experiences in rest homes and the community.

In Years 2 & 3, students will have 14-16 clinical weeks each year; these are divided into blocks of between 3-9 weeks. Please note these clinical weeks may include weekends. Hours during clinical blocks will vary according to the clinical placement, i.e. hospital shifts can include mornings 7:00am-3:30pm, afternoons 2:45-11:15pm and overnight.

Due to the hours of work and location of placements throughout the greater Wellington region, it may be difficult to get public transport to the clinical placement and students may therefore require private transport to attend clinical placements. It is unlikely that students will get clinical placements in the area where they live. The cost of transport to and from clinical placements is the student’s responsibility.

If students are working part time, priority must be given to attending clinical placements. We also recommend that no more than 10 hours per week are worked.
Entry Requirements
Applicants must meet both the academic and suitability entry requirements.

Academic Entry Requirements
Whitireia degree academic entry requirements (i.e. University Entrance) or equivalent.

Evidence of equivalence may include successful completion of high school studies overseas or recent tertiary study at Level 4, with a “B” average, (i.e. the Whitireia Pre-entry to Degrees or the New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation programmes), and/or relevant work experience (paid or unpaid); application considered on a case-by-case basis with entry granted at the discretion of the Head of School.

International Students:
Require an academic IELTS score 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 25 October 2019

Applications received after this date will only be processed if places are still available.

How to Apply

1. We recommend you apply online from the Whitireia website.
2. Before you start your online application, you will need to have the following documentation available to upload when requested:
   - Completed ‘Application for Health & Social Service Programmes’ *
   - Referee reports * (refer to step 3 below)
   - Verified ID
   - Verified official transcripts
   - Curriculum Vitae
   * These additional forms are available on the programme webpage.
3. 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.
4. Alternatively, completed applications can be printed off and either:
   - Mailed to:
     Enrolments, Whitireia New Zealand
     DX SX33459, Porirua 5022
   - Dropped into:
     Enrolments, Whitireia New Zealand
     3 Wi Neera Drive, Porirua.

Application Process

1. We will confirm receipt of your application by email.
2. Completed applications will be forwarded to the School to review. If your application is incomplete you will be emailed and asked to provide the missing documentation.
3. Applications are processed in order, by the date the School receives the completed application. **Important note:** Occasionally, due to demand, all places in a programme may be allocated before the programme closing date. We recommend you apply early and ensure your application is complete.
4. Applicants who meet the academic entry requirements will be interviewed by members of the Selection Committee to determine their suitability.
5. 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.

Further Information

Should you have any questions, please contact:  
Enrolments Advisor  
Phone: 0800 944 847
# Whitireia Bachelor of Nursing Programmes: What is the Same, What is Unique?

## Same
- Nursing Council of New Zealand approved.
- NZQA approved.
- Graduates gain a Bachelor of Nursing Degree at the end of three years of full time study.
- Graduates are eligible to sit the Nursing Council of New Zealand State Final Exam to become a registered nurse.
- All programmes are based on the education standards set by Nursing Council of New Zealand.
- All teaching staff are registered nurses.
- All students have clinical learning experiences across primary health care, mental health, medical/surgical and continuing care settings.
- We utilise a variety of teaching processes, which focus on discovery learning and active participation in workshops, lectures, tutorials and online activities.
- Our state-of-the-art simulated clinical learning environments give students access to the latest technology.
- The School of Health and Social Services has an excellent reputation for offering a friendly and supportive learning environment.
- Whitireia seeks to develop nurses who are respectful of diversity and concerned with relationship centred caring, social justice and responsibility.
- All programmes are underpinned by School of Health and Social Services philosophy that acknowledges foundational principles linked to te Tiriti of Waitangi.
- Whitireia offer a range of student support services.
- All applicants are interviewed.

## Unique to Bachelor of Nursing
- Integrated curriculum with a person centred approach to learning.
- Facilitated learning experiences are concept based and context based, both in the classroom and clinical learning environment.
- Key elements of the curriculum are integrated into two strands: Praxis and Professional Nursing. Cultural safety underpins all education and nursing practice.
- Peer study teams form an important part of the learning experiences of the programme.
- Emphasis is on active participation by whānau in all areas of ākonga success in the programme.
- Ākonga walk in two worlds during their three year journey – the world of nursing and the world of Te Ao Māori (whānau, hapu, Iwi).
- Integrated kaupapa using ako Māori pedagogy to critically examine the socio-political-cultural structures that contributes to health outcomes for Māori and the wider community.
- The programme examines the question of diversity with a particular emphasis on Pacific World views.
- The programme critically examines how power relations can create a barrier to health and wellbeing.
- The programme contributes to the development of a Pacific Health workforce.
- The programme is nationally recognized for showcasing success for Pacific students.
Bachelor of Nursing Māori

Programme Content

Detailed course information (i.e. course aims, learning outcomes, credits etc.) is available on the Bachelor of Nursing Māori page on the Whitireia website.

The programme has an active relationship with mana whenua Ngāti Toa Rangatira and has fostered relationships with the people of Raukawa, Te Āti Awa ki Awakairangi and Taurahere within the Whanganui-a-Tara region. The significance of these relationships to the programme is to build the capacity and capability of our Māori nursing workforce.

The preparation to register a nurse focuses on health care across the life span, which includes acute and continuing care and disabilities, with a focus on recovery and rehabilitation. The clinical learning experience for the ākoanga occurs in a range of environments from inpatient to outpatient services, community health providers, district nursing to work with Kōhanga Reo/Puna Reo and even the classrooms of primary/intermediate schools.

The 21st century brings many opportunities and challenges to learn about mātauranga Māori and its contribution to building a body of knowledge in nursing. The kaupapa Kōrero provides a korowai for the ākonga to inquire, create, construct and discover opportunities and apply both mātauranga Māori and nursing knowledge to the challenges that will shape their nursing practice. The five kaupapa kōrero are: Kaitiakitanga, Manaakitanga, Pūkengatanga, Whanaungatanga and Rangatiratanga.

Ngā pou o te whare - Year 1

Students will be able to connect with their own whakapapa and have insight into their own identity and belonging within own whānau, hapū, iwi, community o Aotearoa. The focus of student learning throughout year one is around the development and application of nursing skills and knowledge in primary health care settings, with particular reference to infants, children and their families, older adults and people with a disability.

Ngā heke o te whare - Year 2

During year two students will develop enhanced nursing practice capability, particularly in relation to primary health care for infants, children and their families in community settings. They will enhance their knowledge of mental health, mental illness and the health issues for people with a disability and expand their nursing assessment and intervention skills. By the end of year 2, students will be able to demonstrate that they can safely nurse in predictable and non-complex situations with minimal supervision.

Te Tāhūhū o te whare - Year 3

Tapuhi will demonstrate that they are successfully transitioning out of their “student role” into the role of Tapuhi/beginning practitioner and will confidently be able to move between Māori communities and the world of mainstream health care services in ways that add value to both. In the second semester students have an extended period of clinical practice to prepare for the Nursing Council State Final Examinations and registered nurse practice. By the end of the year students will be able to demonstrate they can:

- Synthesise their skills and knowledge into a praxis framework that enables them to manage safely novel situations and increasing levels of clinical complexity at a beginner practitioner level.
- Effectively participate in confidently contributing a nursing perspective in clinical decision making.
- Safely and effectively deliver competent nursing care in a range of clinical settings at a beginner practitioner level.
Bachelor of Nursing Pacific

Programme Content

Detailed course information (i.e. course aims, learning outcomes, credits etc.) is available on the Bachelor of Nursing Pacific page on the Whitireia website.

Year 1

Has a health focus and students are supported to become student nurses by gaining knowledge of Nursing Theory and Research, Nursing Practice, Bio-Science, te Tiriti o Waitangi, Communications, Social Determinants of Health, Life Span Development and Pacific Heritage. Students are mainly taught in class and simulated settings, with short periods of clinical practice during the year.

Year 2

The student has become an independent learner and adds to the knowledge gained in Year 1. Block periods of 3 weeks clinical practice occur in a variety of settings within both the Nursing Practice Community course and the Nursing Practice Mental Health course. Other courses include Pacific Health, Nursing Knowledge and Research, Reflective Practice and Applied Bionursing.

Year 3

Consolidates practice and theory knowledge for the student, in preparation for practice. In the first semester students focus on Nursing Practice in Acute Settings, Bio-Nursing, Pacific Community Development and Public Health/Health Promotion. In the second semester students complete a Leadership course and have an extended period in clinical practice to prepare for the Nursing Council State Final Examinations and registered nurse practice.
Bachelor of Nursing

Programme Content
Detailed course information (i.e. course aims, learning outcomes, credits etc.) is available on the Bachelor of Nursing page on the Whitireia website.

Year 1
Has a primary health care focus. Students are supported to become student nurses by gaining knowledge focused on concept based learning of nursing theory and research, nursing science, te Tiriti o Waitangi, cultural safety, sociology, communication and assessment. Students learn clinical skills in our on-site simulation suites, as well as attending off-site clinical experiences in primary health care settings such as rest homes and community practice settings.

Year 2
The student has become an independent learner and is ready to add to the concepts gained through on-site workshops and context based learning, with a focus on national health trends and simulated learning experiences. Block periods of off-site clinical learning have a focus on direct client care in mental health, community and in-patient care settings.

Year 3
The student nurse consolidates practice and theory knowledge in preparation for undertaking the roles and responsibilities of a registered nurse. Integration of knowledge, focusing on contemporary professional nursing and health issues in the local and global context, enables the student to further develop in their clinical judgement, professionalism and leadership. In the second semester students have an extended period in clinical practice to prepare for the Nursing Council State Final Examinations and registered nurse practice.
Student Loans and Allowances
For information on student loans and allowances visit the StudyLink website www.studylink.govt.nz or contact them on 0800 88 99 00. Use the StudyLink website tools to ensure you are eligible for a student loan and/or allowance.

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 programmes, different strands are also available to support you to go onto further education or employment in a specific field.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Vocational Pathway Social and Community Services Sector) (Level 2)
The aim of this one semester programme is to assist you to gain foundation language, literacy, numeracy, and generic skills in order to pursue education or employment pathways.

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3)
This one semester programme provides you with an initial pathway for entering tertiary study in preparation for further study or training at Level 4. It also provides a foundation of skills and knowledge which you can take through your academic life. Two strands are offered: health science and social science.

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 4)
This one semester programme provides you with an initial pathway for entering tertiary study in preparation for further qualification at Levels 5–7 (diplomas and degrees). It also provides a foundation of skills and knowledge which you can take through your academic life. Two strands are offered: health science and social services.

Pre-entry to Degrees
Entry to this course is by invitation of the Selection Committee and involves you completing a ten week (November-February) online programme, with optional on-site sessions.

Credit Recognition
Credit recognition includes cross credit, credit transfer and recognition/assessment of prior learning, and we recommend applying well before the programme starts.

The applicant applies for credit recognition by submitting the Application for Credit Recognition form, attaching the verified supporting documentation and paying the application for credit recognition fee. The application will then be assessed by programme staff to determine whether the evidence of skills and knowledge is authentic, relevant, current and sufficient to enable the equivalence to stated graduate profile or learning outcomes. Their recommendation goes to the Centre of Learning Achievement Committee for a final decision.

How to apply:
Contact Whitireia and request further information about credit recognition.

Further Information
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2020 Information for Applicants: Bachelor of Nursing Programmes
Fees, programmes and dates are subject to change