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 assist registered nurses to 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 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.

Why choose Whitireia?

- The School of Health 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 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>Hours on Campus</td>
<td>9:00am-4:00pm four days a week during theory weeks. Hours and days will vary during clinical weeks. The non-teaching day is Friday.</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>2019 fees will available on the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing pages on the Whitireia website from September 2018. 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>Additional Costs</td>
<td>Includes, but is not limited to, the following (all costs are approximate): e-resources/textbooks: $500 Health screening: $200 Medical equipment: $120 Stationery: $100 Uniform: $200 Watch with second hand: from $30-$100 Clinical Travel Costs: will vary depending on where the student lives and where they attend clinical Vaccinations (if required by clinical placement) will vary depending on vaccination required i.e. flu, whooping cough</td>
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Programme Content

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

Part A (full year)
The first year of the programme provides 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.

Part B (half year):
In the second year, students enrol for six months 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, 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.

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

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.
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: with the introduction of the Vulnerable Children’s Act (2014), all vocational trainees i.e. nursing, paramedic and social work students, who may work with children during the course of their study, must 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 26 October 2018
Applications received after this date will be processed if places are still available.

Application Process

1. We will confirm receipt of your application by email.
2. If your application is complete it will be forwarded to the School to review. If your application is incomplete you will be emailed and asked to provide the missing documentation.
   
   **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.

3. Applications are processed in order, by the date the School receives the completed application.
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 other possible pathways i.e. completion of a foundation programme.

How to Apply

1. Give the referee reports to two people who are willing to be your referees. Ask them to complete the forms and either: return them to yourself, mail them directly to the Polytechnic (at the address below) or email to adminhss@wandw.ac.nz within **10** days.
   
   **Important Note:** Your application cannot be processed until both referee reports have been received.

2. Complete the Health and Social Services Application form and the Application to Enrol form and return (with the required documentation) to:

   Enrolments
   Whitireia New Zealand
   DX SX33459
   Porirua 5022

Further Information

Should you have any questions, please contact: **Enrolments Advisor**
Phone: 0800 944 847

*Wikitoria Katene Building*
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, Student Support Services provide support for our students in other ways such as financial advice, counselling, health services, 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.

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

Level 2 Certificate
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 and initial pathway for entering tertiary study in preparation for further qualification at Level 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 science.

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.