Bachelor of Nursing

This programme uses theoretical and clinical learning experiences designed to educate and support students to become a New Zealand registered nurse, capable of working in a range of multicultural settings.

Programme Outline

Year One (Level 5): The first year of the degree has a primary health care focus and students are supported to become student nurses by gaining knowledge of nursing theory and research, bio sciences, te Tiriti o Waitangi, cultural safety, sociology, communication and assessment. Students learn clinical skills in our on-site labs, as well as attending off-site clinical experiences in primary health care settings such as rest homes and community practice settings.

Bachelor of Nursing Year One Course Outlines

Year Two (Level 6): In the second year of the degree, students are independent learners and add to their knowledge 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 are focused on direct client care in mental health, community and in-patient care settings.

Bachelor of Nursing Year Two Course Outlines

Year Three (Level 7): In the final year, practice and theory knowledge is consolidated in preparation for 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 students to further develop their clinical judgement, professionalism and leadership. In the second semester, students have an extended period in clinical practice and prepare for the Nursing Council State Final Examinations and registered nurse practice.

Bachelor of Nursing Year Three Course Outlines

Entry Requirements

Whitireia degree academic entry requirements, or equivalent academic/work experience; evidence of suitability based on interview, health screening, safety check, referee reports

Interview

The interview determines the applicant's preparedness for study, ability to meet the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (if applicable) and 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

**Safety check**

As required by the Vulnerable Children's Act (2014), 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.

**International students**

Proven equivalence of entry requirements plus IELTS 6.5 in each band

**How to apply**

You will need additional forms and documents for your application, please read the steps and download the required forms through the link below.

**Post-enrolment information**

Documents for students who have begun the enrolment process can be found on the School of Health Moodle page.

**Hear from our students**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lk9c7imxqsM

On successful completion of this programme graduates receive the Bachelor of Nursing, are eligible to sit the Nursing Council State Final Examinations, and are eligible to enrol in postgraduate programmes of study.