New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)

Enrolled nurses work under the direction and delegation of a registered nurse in a variety of health and disability settings. This programme provides theory and hands-on experience to develop the skills required to become an enrolled nurse.

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. The diploma is a combination of theory (classroom-based sessions at the Porirua campus) and supported clinical experience (practical/hands-on work, which is completed in a variety of community and hospital settings).

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The enrolled nurse performs delegated interventions from the nursing care plan to:

- provide care and comfort for individuals and groups
- assist and support clients with activities of daily living
- observe and report changes in individual/group conditions and behaviours
- safeguard dignity and promote independence

Programme Outline

The New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing is taught over 18 months. Students who successfully complete Part A (full year) can then enrol in Part B (half year).

Part A

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

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.

Students who successfully complete the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing are required to sit the Nursing Council of New Zealand State Final Examinations. When these examinations are passed, the student can apply to the Nursing Council for registration as an enrolled nurse.
Entry Requirements

NCEA Level 2, including 12 credits in Level 1 Mathematics; or equivalent study/work experience; and evidence of suitability based on interview, health declaration, safety check and referee reports

International students

Proven equivalence for Domestic 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.