

Bachelor of Nursing Māori



Campus
Porirua



Duration
Three years,
Full-time



Start Dates
14/02/2022



Domestic Fees
\$7,142 (indicative)

This programme uses theoretical and clinical learning to support Māori students to become registered nurses, capable of working in numerous multicultural settings.

FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

The Bachelor of Nursing Māori is 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 work from home should Covid-19 Alert Levels change.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

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. These are the Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing Māori and Bachelor of Nursing Pacific.

All are three-year full-time programmes and offer 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.

MORE DETAIL ABOUT THIS QUALIFICATION

There are five tenets (principles) that provide the philosophical foundation (kaupapa) for the curriculum framework Te Pae Mahutonga. These tenets are Kaitiakitanga, Manaakitanga, Pūkengatanga, Rangātiratanga and Whānaungātanga.

The values of Whitireia are the starting point for articulating the meaning of each tenet. The collective Māori ways of knowing also apply, and whilst they are not made explicit, it is an integral part of the approach taken to manage the practices and behaviours of all involved, both

internally and externally to the programme, for example working closely with whānau where extra support is required.

Ngā pou o te whare - Year one

In the first year of the degree students connect with their own whakapapa and gain insight into their own identity and belonging within their own whānau, hapū, iwi, community of 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 two

During the second year, students develop enhanced nursing practice capability, particularly in relation to providing nursing care for infants, children and their families in community settings. They 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 the second year, students are able to demonstrate that they can safely nurse in predictable and non-complex situations with minimal supervision.

Te Tāhūhū o te whare - Year three

In the final year, Tapuhi demonstrates that they are successfully transitioning from their student role into the role of Tapuhi/beginning practitioner and are able to confidently move between Māori communities and the world of mainstream health care services in ways that adds value to both. In the second semester, students have an extended period of clinical practice to prepare for Nursing Council State Final Examinations and registered nurse practice.

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0800 935 832 (WELTEC)



Theory

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

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.

CAREER OPTIONS

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 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 specialties 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.

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, 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.

Suitability requirements

Applications will be invited to 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.

COURSE RELATED-COURSE

- Health screening: \$250 (must be completed prior to programme start)
- Medical equipment: \$120 (must be ordered prior to programme start)
- Uniform: \$200 (must be ordered prior to programme start)
- Vaccinations (if required by clinical placement): Costs will vary depending on vaccination required i.e. flu, whooping cough
- Stationary: \$200
- Clinical Travel Costs: \$200-\$300 (Year One), \$900-\$1,200 (Year Two), \$1,200-\$1,600 (Year Three)

HOW TO APPLY

Application Closing Date: 29 October 2021.

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

We recommend you apply online from the Whitireia website.

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Before you start your online application, you will need to have the following documentation available to upload when requested:

- Completed '[Supplementary Application for Health and Social Services Programmes](#)'
- [Referee report](#) (refer to following paragraph)
- Verified ID
- Verified Official Transcripts
- Curriculum Vitae

Give the referee report to someone who is willing to be your referee. 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 the referee report has been received.

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

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.

Post enrolment information

Documents for students who have begun the enrolment process can be found on the [School of Health Moodle page](#).