

Nursing

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'Nurses changed my life, so I became one.'

Nikki



NZ Diploma in Enrolled Nursing



Enrolled Nurse

Nikki's children faced serious illness at a young age, her son experiencing his first stroke at just nine-months old. His round-the-clock care requirements meant Nikki witnessed first-hand the compassion and dedication exemplified by our nurses every day in Aotearoa.

Over the 20 years of her son's life, Nikki developed a passion for healthcare. The hospital became her second home and seeing the impact staff had on their patients inspired her every day. After her son passed away, she decided it was time to try something new. It wasn't until she visited Whitireia did Nikki discover the world of enrolled nursing.

After just 18 short months of study, enrolled nurses are qualified to assist registered nurses to deliver care to individuals in a range of health settings. For Nikki, studying the Diploma in Enrolled Nursing felt like the perfect stepping-stone in her career. While the prospects of beginning a new career were daunting, Nikki says she wouldn't have been able to complete her studies without the support at Whitireia. "The tutors helped me work around any barriers and showed me there's always a way. They understood my daughter's healthcare needs and

took the time to find me a placement close to home so I could continue caring for her."

Now an Enrolled Nurse at Kenepuru Hospital, Nikki is proud to use her skills every day to support people in her community on their journey to wellness. Helping people regain the things they've lost and seeing the positive impact of that is what it's all about for Nikki.

When asked what qualities make a great enrolled nurse, Nikki responded, "If you're compassionate, empathetic and love to help people, nursing is the career for you. Whitireia is the starting point to achieve your goals"

New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)

 Level 5
 18 months, full-time
 09 Jun 2025 (Porirua)
 \$7,180 per year (indicative for 2023 intake)
 \$25,324* per year (indicative for 2023 intake)

Become an enrolled nurse and get the qualification to work under the directive of a registered nurse. This diploma is perfect in opening a world of future job or study opportunities. With both theory based learning, and practical, hands-on experience, students develop the skills needed to become an enrolled nurse.

Programme outline

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. Enrolled nurses contribute to nursing assessment, care planning, implementation and evaluation, but the registered nurse remains responsible overall.

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

More detail about this qualification

Part A

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).

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.

Teaching and learning

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

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.

The programme 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.

Course-related costs

Prior to starting the programme, you'll be required to complete health screening to provide evidence of your current immunisation status, as required by our placement providers. Further information on this and other course costs will be provided on acceptance into the programme. The following costs are approximate:

- Health screening \$270
- Medical equipment \$185
- Uniform: \$200

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- Vaccinations (if required by clinical placement):
Costs will vary depending on vaccination required
i.e. flu, whooping cough
- Stationery: \$100
- Clinical Travel Costs: These will vary depending on
where you live and where your placements are.

Entry requirements

Domestic

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.

**International fee displayed is for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits) and does not include insurance and administration (approximately \$924 per year of study).*

Interview/Evidence of suitability

The interview determines the applicant's preparedness for study, their 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 service sector
- commitment and motivation to succeed

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.

I'm unsure I meet the entry requirements

If you are unsure whether you meet the entry requirements, you should still apply. For some applicants we may recommend completion of some FREE [Tūāpapa study modules](#) prior to the start of the programme, which will build on your current skills and experiences to support your academic achievement.

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](#).

Enrolled nurse applicants can apply for credit recognition which is assessed on an individual basis. Please note that DEN applicants will not get direct entry into year two.

How to apply

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

- Completed [Supplementary Application Form](#)
- [Referee report*](#)
- Verified ID
- Verified official transcripts

Give the referee report to someone who is willing to be your referee. Ask them to complete the forms and return them to you (so you can upload with your application).

Alternatively, completed applications can be emailed to enrolments@wandw.ac.nz or dropped into:

Enrolments, Whitireia New Zealand 3 Wi Neera Drive, Porirua

For international applicants - please email your completed application to international-admissions@wandw.ac.nz

Related study options

[Bachelor of Nursing](#)

[Bachelor of Nursing Māori](#)

[Bachelor of Nursing Pacific](#)

[Supplementary application form](#)



[Referee report form](#)



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