

Postgraduate Health & Social



Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Health Care Specialty Nursing

📖	Level 8
🕒	1-2 years, full-time, part-time
📅	28 Jul 2025 (Distance)
💰	\$5,020 (indicative for 2023 intake)
🌐	\$27,500* (indicative for 2023 intake)

This programme is for registered nurses, working in community and primary health, to gain a postgraduate qualification that advances your specialty knowledge in Well Child/Tamariki Ora Nursing. This programme is delivered in partnership with Whānau ōwhina Plunket (Plunket). Credits may be gained towards Master's study.

Programme outline

This clinically focused programme is for registered nurses working in Well Child/Tamariki Ora Nursing for a minimum of two days per week.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Health Care Specialty Nursing consists of two papers: Primary Health Care and Health Promotion, and Praxis in the Community Setting (Well Child/Tamariki Ora).

Blended learning approaches are used.

More detail about this qualification

HSC8501: Primary Health Care and Health Promotion: 60 credits

This course will enable you to gain an in-depth understanding of primary health care, community practice and health promotion. You will explore the theory and policy that influences service delivery, with a focus on evidence-based practice, community development, population health, the application of te Tiriti o Waitangi to primary healthcare, and health literacy.

HSC8504: Praxis in the Community Setting (Tamariki Ora/Well Child): 60 credits

This course enables you to gain increased knowledge

through praxis (the application of theory and research knowledge by reflective practice) and the demonstration of nursing competencies in Well Child/Tamariki Ora Nursing. Explore literature that is relevant to the way that health is explained in the New Zealand context and work appropriately with clients from their own perspective/world view. Focus on appropriate service delivery for clients that provides culturally safe care and enables individuals, whānau and communities to increase their skills in health-focused daily living.

* The Well Child/Tamariki Ora strand is delivered in partnership with Whānau ōwhina Plunket. Please contact urshula.higgins@plunket.org.nz to register your interest in the next available course.

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Entry requirements

Domestic Students

Registered nurse with a current New Zealand practising certificate, Bachelors or equivalent and relevant clinical employment for a minimum of two days (15 hours) per week.

International Students

Proven equivalence for Domestic Entry Requirements plus IELTS 7.0 (or equivalent) in each band.

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

**International fee displayed is for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits) and does not include insurance, administration and student service fees. For more details, please email: international@wandw.ac.nz.*

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