



Bachelor of Nursing



Domestic fee: \$7,809 (first year)

International fee: \$27,010 (first year)

Compulsory student levy >
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*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Location	Dunedin
Duration	Three years full-time; up to five years part-time (limited places)
Delivery	50% of your final year will involve clinical practice

Credits	360
Level	7
Start	February
Apply	by 30 September (the Selection Committee will continue to review applications after this date)

Have a rewarding career in healthcare and make a difference in people's lives. Become a Registered Nurse – it can be your passport to the world!

Registered Nurses care for and work with individuals, whānau and communities in collaboration with other health professionals. Registered nurses may specialise in a variety of practice areas, including medical and surgical, mental health, child health/paediatrics, aged care, rural health care and primary health care. There is a worldwide demand for registered nurses and there are a wide range of career options.

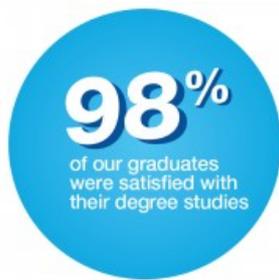
Otago Polytechnic nursing graduates are in high demand due to their high calibre and work-readiness. Māori and Pasifika nurses are particularly sought-after for careers in health.

Benefit from access to state-of-the-art Dunedin nursing facilities, the latest industry knowledge and the support and advice from highly experienced teachers. This degree programme provides you with the knowledge and experience to achieve New Zealand nursing registration and also provides a perfect springboard into postgraduate study.

On successful completion of the Bachelor of Nursing, you will be eligible to sit the State Final Examination for registration as a Registered Nurse in New Zealand.



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Otago Polytechnic
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Minimum entry requirements for nursing

- > NCEA Level 3 (equivalent of entry to university) including:
 - > Three subjects - at Level 3 or above, made up of:
 - > 14 credits in biology OR chemistry
 - > 14 credits in English OR an English language-rich subject
 - > 14 credits in one other approved subject
 - > the remaining credits may come from either achievement or unit standards, and
 - > Literacy - 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:
 - > 5 credits in reading
 - > 5 credits in writing, and
 - > Numeracy - 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
 - > specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects OR
 - > package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627- all three required).
- > Applicants over 20, must have completed the equivalent of NCEA Level 3 biology and/or chemistry within the past five years.
- > All applicants must:
 - > have a Level 2 Comprehensive First Aid Certificate (this can be achieved with either NZQA Unit Standards or NZQA First Aid Unit Standards)
 - > make a health declaration
 - > submit two referee reports showcasing your academic and community/work-related skills
- > If you are a Certificate in Health (Level 4)[^] student, you must nominate a programme lecturer as an academic reference.
- > International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet degree-level New Zealand nursing entry requirements. [Click here](#) for your country's equivalent academic entry requirements.
- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - > New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - > Overall Academic IELTS 6.5 with no individual band score lower than 6.5 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), OR
 - > Occupational English Test (OET) with a B band/score in each section, OR
 - > Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see [here](#) for NZQA proficiency table and [here](#) for list of recognised proficiency tests).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a wide range of English programmes.

[^]The Certificate in Health (Level 4) has been replaced by the health context of the New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3) and (Level 4).

Bridging options

The Health Bridging Certificate offered by the School of Social Services acts as a bridging programme into this nursing qualification. A minimum B+/75 average pass, achieved across four courses during semester two, is required to meet the academic entry requirements into the Bachelor of Nursing. This MUST include a B+/75 in Bioscience 2.

The Health Bridging Certificate is also ideal if you need to update specific knowledge and skills, and demonstrate your academic ability. Distance options are available.

Due to the high demand for places, successful completion of the Health Bridging Certificate (Level 4) will not automatically guarantee you entry into the Bachelor of Nursing programme.

Please note: Non-academic entry criteria for those with previous healthcare experience may also be considered. Please contact Otago Polytechnic for further information.

Application process

For a step-by-step guide to applying for the Bachelor of Nursing click [here](#).

Completing your application

You must provide certified copies of proof of identity, academic records and proof of residency (where appropriate).

Applications will only be considered complete when the following documents are also received by the School of Nursing.

- > Application form completed
- > A formal cover letter
- > Curriculum Vitae
- > Level 2 Comprehensive First Aid Certificate
- > Health declaration form
- > Two referee reports
- > Applicants who have lived in countries other than New Zealand need to provide a Police Clearance from each country upon application

Please use this checklist to ensure your application is complete.

*Applications close on 30 September each year, however the Selection Committee will continue to review applications received after this date.

Selection procedure

Student selection is the responsibility of the Bachelor of Nursing Selection Committee.

Criteria for assessing suitability are:

- > Academic records that meet the entry criteria
- > Referee reports that identify applicants as highly suitable for a career in nursing (both referee reports will be considered as they are expected to identify strengths in different areas)
- > A Curriculum Vitae that is congruent with referee reports and academic transcripts.

Selection process for pre-registration students to the Bachelor of Nursing:

Each application is considered by the Bachelor of Nursing Selection Committee who may request an interview with the applicant where there is a lack of congruence in the information presented. There is an affirmative action policy in regard to applicants who identify as Māori and meet the stated entry criteria. 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 including reference checking, work history, identity check, police vetting and an overall assessment of the applicant's safety to work with children. Upon acceptance into the programme you will be required to give consent and complete paperwork for Police Vetting. Applicants who have lived in countries other than New Zealand need to provide a Police Clearance from each country upon application

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their completed application. Following the assessment of the applications, applicants are placed into four groups:

1. Place offered pending results of Police Vetting
2. Wait-listed
3. Waiting results
4. Place not offered

Should the number of applicants who meet the selection process requirements exceed the available places, applicants will be placed on a prioritised waitlist. Applicants are welcome to make an appointment with the Bachelor of Nursing Admissions Committee Chairperson to discuss the outcome of their application.

Additional costs

You will be required to purchase:

- > Textbooks \$700
- > Uniforms \$300
- > Equipment \$160

There will be additional accommodation and travel costs associated with clinical placements. There is an expectation that you will travel out of town to complete at least one placement during the second and third year of the Bachelor of Nursing Programme. All associated costs for these placements are the responsibility of the student.

Students are required to have a laptop or device which has Win7 or above or IOS Maverick.

Please note: all costs are approximate.

Further study options

Expand your career prospects with further postgraduate study in Nursing both within New Zealand and overseas. There is now an established career pathway to Nurse Practitioner through master's degree study, and further educational opportunities are available for practice specialisation at the Eastern Institute of Technology or the University of Otago.

Programme specific risks

You must be physically and psychologically able to engage in diverse clinical nursing practice in New Zealand, including acute hospital, community and mental health settings during this programme.

Once you have been accepted into the programme, you will be notified that you must produce current evidence of immunisation status. You are encouraged to be immunised against Hepatitis B. Not having this immunisation will impact on access to some clinical placements and thus progression in the course may be affected.

Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) clearance is a requirement of a number of clinical placement providers. You may be tested for MRSA during your study. A positive result for MRSA may delay your progression in the programme as you will be unable to attend your clinical placement until you have clearance.

Occasionally, clinical providers request additional information on health status. During your clinical placements, you will be exposed to risks commonly associated with the health services. These are broad and include personal injury such as needle-stick, through to potential harms to clients.

You will study and ePortfolio

To successfully achieve the Bachelor of Nursing, you must complete all the courses within the programme. 50% of your three year nursing qualification will involve clinical practice. This provides a rich learning environment due to your exposure to a diversity of clients and health needs, and will prepare you for work as a registered nurse.

ePortfolio

This programme gives you the chance to create an ePortfolio. This is a way of building evidence from your clinical practice using a modern, relevant platform.

> Find out more about the ePortfolio in this video

Your workload

You must meet both theoretical and clinical requirements during the Bachelor of Nursing degree and the workload is demanding. You can expect to work approximately 40 hours per week throughout the year and should expect assessments and written assignments throughout the year. Outside employment or commitments should be considered carefully to ensure your success in the programme.

Qualification structure

Papers/Unit Title	Level	Credit
YEAR ONE		
Professional Nursing 1	5	15
Bioscience for Nursing	5	15
Nursing Practice 1	5	30
Theory for Practice 1	5	20
Sociology for Nurses	5	15
Applied Psychological Concepts for Nurses	5	15

Pharmacology	5	10
Year One total		120

Papers/Unit Title	Level	Credit
YEAR TWO		
Professional Nursing: Theory and Research 2	6	15
Pathophysiology	6	15
Māori Health	6	15
Nursing Practice: Primary Health 2	6	15
Theory for Practice 2	6	30
Nursing Practice: Medical/Surgical	6	15
Nursing Practice: Mental Health 2	6	15
Year Two total		120

Papers/Unit Title	Level	Credit
YEAR THREE		
Professional Nursing: Theory and Research 3	7	15
Nursing Practice: Primary Health 3	7	15
Nursing Practice: Mental Health 3	7	15
Nursing Practice: Medical/Surgical 3	7	15
Transition to RN Practice	7	40
Theory for Practice 3	7	20
Year Three total		120
Programme total		360

Student loans/allowances

Student loans and allowances are for domestic students only. For information about student loans and allowances please visit the Studylink website. It is important to apply for your student loan/allowance at the same time as you apply for this programme, due to the length of time Studylink take to process.

Loan/allowance applications can be cancelled at any time if you decide to withdraw from your programme application or if it is unsuccessful.

Disclaimer

While every effort is made to ensure that this sheet is accurate, Otago Polytechnic reserves the right to amend, alter or withdraw any of the contained information. The fees shown in this document are indicative ONLY. Both domestic and international fees are subject to change and are dependent on the development and implementation of Government policies. Please note that additional fees may from time to time be required for external examination, NZQA fees and/or additional material fees.

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