Competency Assessment Programme (CAP) for Overseas Registered Nurses

Location: Dunedin
Duration: Eight-nine weeks, full-time
Delivery: Face-to-face and online learning, 10 days in theoretical skill-based study, plus a minimum of 240 hours in clinical practice at a clinical provider arranged by Otago Polytechnic

Start: April, July & September 2020
Apply: Until two weeks before start date

2019 International fee: $8,765
2020 International fee: $9,035
Compulsory student levy >
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*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Are you an internationally-registered nurse who has met the initial Nursing Council of New Zealand criteria and has been directed to complete a Competency Assessment Programme to obtain your nursing registration in New Zealand?

Complete this programme and become educated to the highest professional standards. Learn curriculum content specific to practice as part of a healthcare team in the New Zealand system. Successful completion enables the nurse to demonstrate their ability to meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies as a Registered Nurse scope of practice.

Entry requirements

> You must provide the original written notification from the Nursing Council of the requirement to complete a Competency Assessment Programme before registration.
> You must have a recognised degree in Nursing.
> You must have at least two years’ experience as a registered nurse, within the last five years.
> You must be computer literate and have access to a laptop.
> You must provide a Criminal Conviction History Report.
> You must provide your immunity status - please see this document for requirements.
> If English is not your first language, you must provide:
  > New Zealand University Entrance OR
  > Overall Academic IELTS 7.0 with no individual band score lower than 7.0 (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.
Please note: Scores higher than 7.0 (IELTS) and a B band/score (OET) are preferred and will facilitate achievement in the programme. Clubbed IELTS and OET will not be accepted.

For enquiries about requirements for obtaining an Annual Practising Certificate contact the Nursing Council of New Zealand (Te Kaunihera Tapuhi o Aotearoa).

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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
> Curriculum Vitae
> Transcript of previous study and copy of award
> Evidence of current nurse registration
> Written notification from Nursing Council of the requirement to complete a Competency Assessment Programme before registration
> Health declaration form
> Two referee reports
> Criminal conviction history
> Immunity status
> Certified copies of your passport and visa
> If English is not your first language, you must also demonstrate English language skills equivalent to an IELTS overall band score (academic) of 7.0, with no band score less than 7.0, OR Occupational English Test (OET) with a B band/score of in each section.

Upon acceptance into the programme, you will be required to provide a fit2work report and/or consent to police vetting.

Selection procedure
All internationally-registered nurses who meet the English language requirements and provide the correct documentation will be considered for entry into this programme. However, acceptance is dependent on the availability of places in the requested intake. Preference is given to nurses with higher IELTS/OET scores and relevant clinical experience. There are a maximum number of applicants accepted, per intake. Once each intake has been filled, qualified applicants will be placed on a waitlist and notified of their status.

Additional costs
You will be required to pay a compulsory insurance fee of approximately NZD $162 and an administration fee of approximately NZD $300. If you choose the homestay option, you will have to pay an additional NZD $1,000. You are also responsible for all additional costs related to the clinical courses/placement such as accommodation, transport, uniforms and meals.

You will study
You will need to demonstrate the ability to meet Registered Nurse Competencies (Nursing Council of New Zealand, 2007) at the completion of this programme.

Courses
Theory: BN714002: Professional Nursing Practice (5 Credits) (Level 7)
Learn about the legal, ethical, cultural and evidence-based professional aspects of nursing in New Zealand. This course provides the basis for developing knowledge and skills for meeting some of the Registered Nurse Competencies; your learning will be assessed at the completion of the theoretical component.

Theory: BN713002: Health Assessment (Adult) and Nursing Skills (10 Credits) (Level 7)
Ensure that your knowledge and skills in adult health assessment and practical nursing skills are evidence-based and current for the New Zealand health system environment. This course has assessed components, all of these must be passed before commencing clinical.

Clinical: BN71002: Nursing Practice (30 Credits) (Level 7)

This clinical course commences immediately after the two theory courses. Through work-based learning, orientate yourself to nursing practice in New Zealand and demonstrate your ability to meet the Nursing Council Registered Nurses Competencies. Successful completion of this course, as well as the theory courses, will mean you are able to apply for registration with the Nursing Council. If you do not achieve the competencies by the end of the clinical course, you may apply to re-enrol. This course involves at least 240 hours of full-time rostered duties at an approved clinical provider.

Otago Polytechnic has clinical placements around New Zealand and you may be placed in a clinical facility outside Dunedin. Candidate preferences will be taken into account by the Programme Leader.

Your workload

This programme includes ten days of theory followed by 240 hours (six weeks) in clinical practice. Eight weeks is the minimum duration, ten weeks the maximum, for successful completion of the theory and clinical courses. The Nursing Council allows one re-enrollment for the clinical course if you are unsuccessful. Candidates will need to anticipate studying in evenings and weekends to be successful in the theoretical component.

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