



New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)



Location	Dunedin
Duration	Eighteen months full-time
Delivery	Blended delivery with face-to-face teaching, online learning, simulation suite, practical sessions and clinical practice placements

Credits	180
Level	5
Start	February
Apply	by 30 September (the Selection Committee will continue to review applications after this date)

Prepare to apply for registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) as an Enrolled Nurse.

New Zealand Enrolled Nurses deliver nursing care and health education across a range of health care settings under the direction of a Registered Nurse. They have a variety of roles and work in partnership with health consumers, families/whānau and multidisciplinary teams. For more information about the role of an Enrolled Nurse, [click here](#).

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

This Diploma will allow you to gain knowledge and skills in nursing, social sciences, and in the structure and function of the human body. Time spent in our clinical practice facility and on clinical placement will give you vital hands-on experience and allow you to put your theory into practice. You will 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 programme may provide a pathway into our three-year Bachelor of Nursing qualification or any of our other health professional degrees.

Please note: Upon completion of the Diploma, graduates must pass the NCNZ Registration Examination and meet other criteria to be issued with a practicing certificate and to be able to work as an Enrolled Nurse.

Domestic fee: Free - normally \$11,883!

Due to the Government's Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund.

- > You will still need to pay for any additional course-related costs such as textbooks (see more info in Additional Costs section).
- > You can pay for this yourself or apply for a loan/allowance via Studylink.

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

*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates



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Graduate Outcome
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Entry requirements

Academic requirements

- > NCEA Level 2 which must include 12 credits in Level 1 Mathematics.

Alternative requirements

- > Evidence of literacy, numeracy and an ability to study at the appropriate level. This can be through study, work and/or life experience (assessments are available). Applicants are required to have competent computer skills.

Additional requirements

- > You will need to supply a cover letter, CV, Level 2 Comprehensive First Aid Certificate, Health declaration form, two referee reports demonstrating your character, community/work-related skills and suitability to become a nurse. Please see the Completing your application section below for more information.
- > Shortlisted applicants may be interviewed.

English 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 C+ band/score in each section in one sitting, 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.

Health and immunisation status

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.

Covid-19 vaccination information

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it's highly recommended that you are vaccinated against Covid-19 if you want to apply for this programme.

All health sector organisations engaging healthcare workers have obligations under the *Health and Safety at Work Act 2015* to take all reasonable steps to eliminate, or otherwise control, the risk of Covid-19 transmission in the workplace.

The New Zealand Government has mandated the vaccine for frontline healthcare workers. Many of the healthcare providers we work with are requiring their staff, including any students on placement, to be vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination.

As more providers follow suit, if you are:

- > unvaccinated, or
- > choose not to disclose whether or not you are vaccinated, or
- > choose not to provide evidence if asked about your vaccination status

this will have an impact on healthcare placements that you are allocated to as part of this programme and

will have an impact on you being able to successfully complete the programme.

Risks and immunisation status

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 progression in your course may be affected.

Please note: The cost for the blood test to ascertain your immunity status is about \$300. This is not part of your tuition fees so is an additional cost on top of that.

Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) clearance is a requirement of a number of clinical placement providers. 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 service users which may be reported to the Health Commissioner.

Application process

For a step-by-step guide to applying for the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing, please [click here](#).

Completing your application

You can enter information and upload documents directly into the application form. You may wish to prepare some of the required documentation beforehand.

To begin your application, click the Apply button at the top of this page.

You will need to provide:

1. academic records
2. written statements about:
 - i. your reasons for wanting to study this programme
 - ii. your skills and experience
3. your Curriculum Vitae
4. a Level 2 Comprehensive First Aid Certificate
5. a health declaration
6. police vetting and declaration of any criminal convictions. (Applicants who have lived in countries other than New Zealand need to provide a Police Clearance from each country.)
7. contact details for two referees - (one academic and one employer or community representative.)
8. certified copies of proof of identity
9. proof of residency (where appropriate).

Selection procedure

Student selection is the responsibility of the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing Selection Committee.

Criteria for assessing suitability are:

- > Academic records that meet the entry criteria
- > Referee reports that identify applicants as highly suitable (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 New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)*:

Each application is considered by the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing Selection Committee who may interview applicants. There is an affirmative action policy in regard to applicants who identify as Māori and meet the stated entry criteria. As required by the Children's Act 2014, students who may work with children during the course of their study must be safety checked. Safety checking includes 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:

- > Place offered pending results of Police Vetting
- > Wait-listed

- > Waiting results
- > 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 New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing Selection Committee Chairperson to discuss the outcome of their application.

Applications officially close 30 September, the Selection Committee will continue to review applications received after this date.

Additional costs

You will be required to purchase:

- > Textbooks \$300
- > Uniforms \$250
- > Equipment (including headphones) \$260
- > Immunity status blood test \$300

There will be additional accommodation and travel costs associated with clinical placements.

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

Please note: All costs are approximate.

Qualification structure

The New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5) provides enrolled nursing courses with a blended delivery structure of face-to-face teaching, online learning, simulation suite, practical sessions and clinical practice placements. This provides a rich learning environment due to your exposure to a diversity of clients and health needs.

Papers/Unit Title	Level	Credit
YEAR ONE		
The Discipline of Nursing	4	15
Applied Structure and Function of the Human Body	4	15
Applied Social Science for Enrolled Nurses	4	15
Clinical Skills for Enrolled Nurses	4	15
Foundations for Enrolled Nurse Practice	4	30
Enrolled Nurse Practice: Rehabilitation	5	30
Year One total		120
YEAR TWO		
Enrolled Nurse Practice: Acute Care	5	30
Enrolled Nurse Practice: Mental Health	5	30
Year Two total		60

Your workload

You must meet both theoretical and clinical enrolled nursing requirements during this applied diploma and the workload is demanding. You can expect to spend approximately 40 hours per week on this full-time course and should expect a range of assessments to evaluate learning.

Student loans/allowances

Whilst this programme is free for you to study via the Trades and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF), this fund only covers tuition fees and compulsory costs such as student levies. It does not cover any additional costs or living costs. You can pay for additional and living costs by yourself if that is possible for you or by applying for a loan or allowance through Studylink.

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 your programme application or if it is unsuccessful.

- > For information about student loans and allowances please visit the Studylink website

Please note: Student Loans and Allowances and TTAF are available for domestic students only.

Disclaimer

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