



Competency Assessment Programme (CAP)



Domestic Fees

\$2,055



International Fees

\$12,380



Duration

9 weeks full-time



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Obtain a current practising certificate to work as a registered nurse in New Zealand. This intensive programme comprises three weeks of theory and includes study in ethics, regulations in New Zealand, quality assurance, cultural safety and preparation for clinical practice and a practical clinical component which runs for six weeks.

Please note this is a pathway to reactivate your existing scope of practice. It is not a transition pathway for Enrolled Nurses who wish to remove restrictions on their scope of practice.

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Internationally qualified nurses please note: this programme will accept internationally qualified nurses who currently hold an approved registration in a country other than New Zealand. Internationally qualified nurses require a current visa or other evidence of right to study in New Zealand, with the appropriate letter to allow entry to the clinical workplace.

Applications are accepted subject to the availability of suitable clinical placement.

Courses

CAP7.001

Nursing in the Context of Aotearoa New Zealand – Registered Nurse

To enable students to meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand's Competencies for the Registered Nurse scope of practice.

CAP7.002

Nursing Practice in Aotearoa New Zealand – Registered Nurse

To enable New Zealand and overseas Registered Nurses to demonstrate competency to practise in New Zealand.

Other information

Clinical Skills Lab work:

The Clinical Skills Lab provides an environment for practicing techniques and learning clinical experiences. Simulation time is timetabled most weeks. Students must wear uniform for all clinical skills sessions and clinical practice placements.

Clinical practice:

Students spend 240 programme hours in a clinical setting in Taranaki health care organisations to learn the practice of nursing. Placements will include:

- Primary health care and community settings
- Acute care including medical and surgical settings
- Continuing care settings including rehabilitation / disability care settings
- Mental health care including acute and rehabilitation / continuing care settings

Blended Learning:

Students will have the opportunity to undertake their learning using a variety of methods including:

- Lectures
- Online activities
- Online quizzes and activities

Return to Nursing Workforce Support Fund

If you are in work or have a pending nursing role your workplace or intended employer may be able to apply for funding towards your CAP study at WITT.

To qualify you must be

- A NZ citizen, resident-class visa holder or have confirmed eligibility to apply for the 2021 Resident

Visa.

- An internationally qualified nurse who is currently working as a Health Care Assistant/Support worker for an ARC provider, DHB, or NGO, and is intending to work for the employer as a Registered Nurse.

Find out more [here](#).

Entry Requirements

Academic Requirements

Applicants must be a New Zealand Registered Nurse or an internationally qualified nurse with the appropriate documentation (see Additional Requirements on our website, witt.ac.nz) and have at least one year of employment as a Registered Nurse.

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Internationally qualified nurses must:

- hold an approved-registration in a country other than New Zealand;
- have a letter from the Nursing Council approving their qualification and documenting the English, theoretical and practical requirements that they must meet in order to gain registration in New Zealand;
- have a current visa or other evidence of right to study in New Zealand with the appropriate letter to allow entry to the clinical workplace and

- If from a non-English speaking background meet the English requirements below
- In order to participate in the clinical components of the programme, you must meet various Health Authority requirements. Currently, MRSA clearance is required by clinical practice areas.

Special Admission Criteria

English Language requirements

- IELTS Academic Requirements – 7.0 Overall (Speaking 7.0; Reading 7.0; Writing 6.5; Listening 7.0)
- IELTS scores are valid for two years from the date of the test

Selection criteria

Usually the maximum number of students that can be accepted in any one intake is 25 This is directly linked to the availability of suitable clinical placements.

In the event of the number of applicants exceeding the number of places, applicants will be accepted in order of application and clinical placement availability. If suitable applicants exceed the maximum intake students per programme, applicants will be placed on a wait list in order of application.

The final decision for entry will be conditional upon all required documentation being sighted and verified as well as the availability of a suitable clinical placement.

Consent to Disclosure of Information

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Complete a New Zealand Police Consent to Disclosure of Information form depending on their placement. The form will be sent to the Police Licensing and Vetting Service, and returned in confidence to the Head of School. Information on the NZ Police Vetting Service is available from the New Zealand Police website.
- Provide two referee reports (one must be from your most recent employer who is required to attest to your ability to communicate and comprehend safely in English).

Additional requirements

New Zealand applicants will be New Zealand registered nurses.

Internationally qualified nurses must:

- hold an approved registration in a country other than New Zealand
- have a letter from the Nursing Council approving their qualification and documenting the English, theoretical, and practical requirements they must meet in order to gain registration in New Zealand.
- have a current visa or other evidence of right to study in New Zealand with the appropriate letter to allow entry to the clinical workplace and,
- if from a non-English speaking background meet the English requirements (see right).

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COVID-19 vaccination requirements

Government COVID-19 vaccine mandates finished on Monday 26 September 2022, however, many placement providers will require that ākonga (students) are vaccinated against COVID-19 (up to two vaccinations and one booster), before they allow any placements to proceed. Placements are an integral part of our health programmes and ākonga must complete these practical elements to successfully achieve their qualification. We cannot, therefore, guarantee a placement without this evidence, as per our clinical placement agreements with placement providers. If there are any questions or concerns relating to this, please email HealthWellnessEnrolments@witt.ac.nz in the first instance and one of our team will be in contact.

On acceptance into the programme, ākonga are required to complete a health screening to provide current evidence of their immunisation status, as

required by Te Puna Whai Ora | Ministry of Health and our placement providers. At this stage ākonga will also need to provide a copy of their Covid vaccination record.

Career Options

After completion of the theory and clinical components and having successfully met the Nursing Council of New Zealand's competencies for registration, you may apply to the Nursing Council of New Zealand for a current practicing certificate.

Additional Expenses

- Textbooks - price TBC
- Indemnity Insurance (Compulsory)
 - Or NZNO - approx \$40
 - Or Nurses Society - \$25
 - Or Private Cover - approx \$350
- Medical screening (MRSA) - approx \$65
- Vital Sign Pack - prices will vary depending on the supplier you use
- Fob Watch - prices will vary depending on the supplier you use
- Vaccinations (recommended) - up to \$450 depending on immunity status (excl any clinical consultation fees)

Stationery

- Folders, writing pads, pens, etc. - \$50
- Computer consumables - \$150
- Uniform (x2) - approx \$90 each

Travel to and from clinical placements

As placements may be undertaken throughout the Taranaki region travel costs will vary.