

REGISTERED NURSE COMPETENCE TRAINING SCHEME 2023



Information for international applicants, January - June 2023

Napier Campus

The Registered Nurse Competence Training Scheme is a full-time, seven week programme which offers you stimulating certificate Level 7 studies and provides a pathway to your professional qualification in nursing.

The programme meets the Nursing Council of New Zealand's competencies for overseas registered nurses who wish to gain New Zealand registration and provides a refresher programme for New Zealand registered nurses who want to return to practice.

The aim of the programme is to support registered nurses wanting to obtain New Zealand registration by achieving Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies for the Registered Nurse Scope of Practice.

Each student is provided with guidance and support while studying. In particular, the programme is designed to:

- Provide an understanding of the New Zealand health care system
- Provide an understanding of cultural safety in nursing
- Provide an understanding of the statutes and regulations impacting on the practice of nurses in New Zealand
- Facilitate appropriate guided clinical placements
- Provide overseas registered nurses with a Competence Assessment Programme that meets the registration requirements of the Nursing Council of New Zealand
- Provide a pathway to assist New Zealand registered nurses to return to clinical practice

CAREER OUTCOMES

Nursing is a professional practice that is an essential part of healthcare. Today, nurses work independently, as well as in collaboration with others in a wide range of settings.

Possible jobs and career opportunities can include:

- Public and private hospitals
- Mental health
- Plunket
- Independent practice
- Public health
- Nursing education
- Maternity
- Elder health
- Occupational health
- Nurse prescriber
- Nurse practitioner

Employment can be obtained both in New Zealand and overseas.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Visit the following websites for the latest information about job opportunities in New Zealand for your chosen career path.

CareersNZ offers a range of tools to help you explore jobs and plan your career: careers.govt.nz

For extensive information on labour supply and demand for occupations visit: occupationoutlook.mbie.govt.nz

For information about the Long Term Skill Shortage List visit: skillshortages.immigration.govt.nz



"I was very proud to complete my Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science as well as the CAP programme at EIT in the beautiful Hawke's Bay. EIT is a wonderful institution with highly supportive staff and advanced learning services."

JISNA POULOSE | India

Qualification	Registered Nurse Competence Training Scheme (for overseas registered nurses)
Level	Level 7
Length	Seven weeks. Two weeks theory and five weeks clinical placement.
Start dates	Stream one commences on 23 January 2023 and concludes on 10 March 2023 Stream two commences on 5 June 2023 and concludes on 21 July 2023 Stream three commences on 24 October 2023 and concludes on 9 December 2023
Fees	NZ\$8,200 per programme Please see overleaf for additional costs.
Total credits	30
Class times	Classes are scheduled between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm Monday through to Friday with some optional tutorials after class. The programme is offered at different times in the year and may be cancelled if there are insufficient enrolments.
Study hours	Two for each classroom hour

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Theoretical components of the programme will be delivered at the EIT Hawke's Bay campus, over a two week period.

Clinical components of the programme will take place at Hawke's Bay Regional Hospital in Hastings, or other approved health care institutions over a five week period. There is no guarantee of a Hawke's Bay Regional Hospital placement. You are responsible for your own accommodation and transport. Extra clinical time may be required depending on your ability to achieve Nursing Council Competencies.

To complete the Registered Nurse Competence Training Scheme you will be required to:

Complete and pass the two embedded courses*:

- CAP7.001 Concepts for NZ Registered Nurses
- CAP7.002 Competence for NZ Registered Nurses

Please Note: Any travel or accommodation expenses that are incurred will be the responsibility of the student.

* By completing and passing the courses within the programme, the graduate will have met the Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies for the Registered Nurse Scope of Practice.

ENTRY CRITERIA

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Language requirements: IELTS 7.0 Academic in all bands, or Occupational English Test (OET) B pass in all areas (see details under English Language Entry Criteria).
- Documentation (specifically the "Decision Letter") from the Nursing Council of New Zealand stipulating the requirement to complete a competency based integrated theory practice programme.
- Nursing Council of New Zealand requires a Police Clearance to be submitted prior to graduating from the programme.
- Verification that the applicant has successfully completed a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in Nursing.
- A current curriculum vitae including details of education, qualifications, registration and career summary.
- Disclosure if you have had a previous CAP enrolment.
- Medical tests (as outlined below).

MEDICAL TESTS

IMMUNOLOGICAL AND SEROLOGY REQUIREMENTS

You are required to have immunity and serology testing as part of the application process for acceptance into the programme.

You must supply the following evidence of serology and vaccination results:

- A blood test that gives results for Hepatitis B Surface Antigen and Surface Antibody within the last five years. You need this even if you have been immunised against Hepatitis B.
- Evidence of having received two vaccinations of MMR. If you are unable to supply evidence of two vaccinations of MMR your will need to provide evidence of your immunity to morbilli (measles), rubella and mumps.
- A blood test to show your immunity to Varicella or proof of having had chicken pox in the past.
- You must provide evidence of having had a Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccination within the last five years. If you cannot provide the evidence you will need a vaccination against Pertussis.
- You must provide a Quantiferon Gold Blood Test. If the Quantiferon Blood test is positive then a chest x-ray and further laboratory tests will be required, (at your own cost). These may include Hepatitis B, C and HIV.

If you have any questions with these requirements please do not hesitate to contact the programme secretary:

Sue Jackson, phone 06 830 1521 or email sjackson@eit.ac.nz

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Applicants for whom English is an additional language must demonstrate an acceptable level of English language fluency (spoken, written, and comprehension) prior to acceptance in the programme. An applicant's English language assessment results must be less than three years old at the time they apply to Nursing Council for registration, following completion of their Registered Nurse Competence Training Scheme.

Acceptable English levels are:

1. Certificate of a pass in courses recognised by the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - Academic
 - Applicants for whom English is an additional language must demonstrate an acceptable level of English language fluency prior to acceptance in the programme.
 - Such applicants need to provide evidence of either:
 - an IELTS test result with an Academic score of 6 and no band score lower than 5.5 gained within one sitting, or equivalent[1]; and
 - either (i) an IELTS Academic score of at least 7.0 in every band; or (ii) an OET score of at least 350 in every band. Applicants can achieve the minimum score in either English language tests over more than one sitting, however the required score must be met within 12 months of first sitting the test[2].
 - [1] NZQA English language entry requirements for international students at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/nzqf-related-rules/programme-approval-and-accreditation/8/18/>
 - [2] An applicant's English language assessment results must be less than three years old at the time they apply to Nursing Council for registration, following completion of their RNC programme.

Entry to the programme is limited by the number of places available in the clinical practice area, and applicants will be accepted in the order in which their completed application is received.

WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

Practicum experiences will be full shifts Monday to Sunday, which may involve shifts between the hours of 0645 - 1530 hours, 1430 - 2300 hours, or 2245 - 0700 hours, and comprising a total of 25 shifts over five weeks. Practicum venues could be a regional hospital, aged residential care facility, primary healthcare or private practice.

NURSING COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS:

Nursing Council of New Zealand, PO Box 9644, Wellington, 6141, New Zealand
oseas@nursingcouncil.org.nz

EVIDENCE OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION.

It is not compulsory to have a COVID-19 vaccination but please be aware that not being vaccinated against COVID-19 may impact on your practicum venue options. This means that not being vaccinated may stop you from being able to undertake practicum in a venue relevant to the course you are undertaking – and therefore not being able to complete either the course or the Registered Nurse Competence Programme.



FACILITIES

- The Clinical Arts and Technology (CAT) Centre is an interactive learning environment designed to facilitate, support and provide opportunities for students to develop, practice and refine their cognitive, technical and clinical skills. The centre is designed as a conduit to bridge the gap between theory and practice. Students' skill development is facilitated with an emphasis on "hands on" practice.
- The CAT Centre is comprised of a fully equipped, hospital-orientated, patient environment. A combination of technological aids such as Audio Visual equipment (video/taping/recording facilities), mannequins, interactive CD ROM, self-directed learning modules and cue cards are available for the students' use.
- The CAT Centre Coordinator is available to assist student learning.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments include an exam and demonstration of clinical skills.

PARTNERSHIPS

Te Whata Ora Hastings Hospital, Te Whata Ora Wairoa Hospital, Te Whata Ora Gisborne Hospital, Napier/Hastings Aged Residential Care providers, Health Hawke's Bay and other community health providers

ACADEMIC STAFF

Our lecturers are highly educated professionals with particular areas of expertise including nursing, mental health, child and adolescent health, community health, and care of the older adult.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	CREDIT VALUE
CAP7.001	Concepts for NZ Registered Nurses This course aims to equip students to transfer existing nursing knowledge and skills to practice in the New Zealand health care system, facilitating their development of new knowledge and skills as required.	10
CAP7.002	Competence for NZ Registered Nurses This course aims to facilitate students' transition to nursing practice in the New Zealand health care system by ensuring their competence within each of the Nursing Council of New Zealand domains of practice for the Registered Nurse Scope of Practice.	20

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