

Bachelor of Nursing

(Level 7)

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These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute's Academic Regulations **and** the current Nursing Council of New Zealand standards for pre-registration nursing programmes.

1. Admission and Entry

1.1. General Academic Admission

- a) Candidates are required to have:
 - i) University Entrance (UE) or equivalent is the minimum requirement to enter the Bachelor of Nursing programme. To qualify for entry you will need NCEA Level 3 comprised of 60 credits at NCEA Level 3 or above and 20 credits at NCEA Level 2 or above, including:
 - (1) 14 credits each at NCEA Level 3 in three approved subjects made up of:
 - (a) 14 credits in Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Science;
 - (b) 14 credits in an English language-rich subject (such as English, History, Art History, Classics, Geography or Economics, Media Studies); **and**
 - (c) 14 credits in one further approved subject.
 - ii) Literacy - 10 credits at **Level 2 or above**, made up of:
 - (1) 5 credits in reading
 - (2) 5 credits in writing
 - iii) Numeracy - 10 credits at **Level 1 or above**, made up of:
 - (1) achievement standards – specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or
 - (2) unit standards - package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627- **all** three required).
 - b) Candidates who have studied on a Nursing Degree programme at another institution will need to meet the Bachelor of Nursing programme entry requirements or equivalent. They will also need evidence of a B grade average (i.e. above a B minus average) and a letter of recommendation and a confidential report on the student from the Head of School of the previous programme, before they will be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Nursing programme.
 - c) Applicants who have completed an approved foundation, bridging or tertiary introductory programme in Health at Level 4, with 60% or higher in all modules will be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Nursing programme.

1.2. Special Admission

Programme Regulations for:

Domestic applicants aged 20 years or above who have not met the General Admission or entry requirements for a programme but whose skills, education or work experience indicate that they have a reasonable chance of success may be eligible for Special Admission. Special admission will be granted at the discretion of the relevant Head of School/Centre Director or designated nominee. Such applicants may be required to successfully complete a foundation, bridging or tertiary introductory programme as a condition of entry into higher level programmes.

1.3. **Provisional Entry**

Domestic applicants aged under 20 years who have not met the general academic admission and entry criteria for a programme but who can demonstrate a reasonable chance of success through other educational attainment and/or work or life experience may be eligible for provisional entry at the discretion of the relevant Head of School/Centre Director or designated nominee. Provisional entry places restrictions on re-enrolment to be lifted if the applicant's performance is deemed satisfactory by the relevant Head of School/Centre Director or designated nominee.

1.4. **Selection Criteria**

- a) All candidates are required to:
 - i) complete the standard Wintec application form
 - ii) complete a self-declaration of criminal convictions
 - iii) complete a self-declaration of mental or physical condition

Candidates may also be required to provide additional information and/or attend an interview in order for their application to be assessed,

- b) Candidates for the Tihei Mauri Ora stream will be invited to attend a whānau meeting.
- c) Registered and Enrolled Nurses/Nurse Assistants are required to provide verified copies of qualifications and Annual Practising Certificates (APC).
- d) Candidates are required in their application to indicate whether they have been convicted of, or are prosecuted for, a criminal offence. Candidates should be aware that, under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act (2003)) some types of criminal conviction may result in the Nursing Council of New Zealand refusing to allow a person to register as a Nurse.
- e) Candidates are required in their application to indicate whether they have had a mental or physical condition that may prevent them entering the Bachelor of Nursing programme. Candidates should be aware that, under the HPCA Act (2003) some types of physical or mental conditions may result in the Nursing Council of New Zealand refusing to allow a person to register as a Nurse.

1.5. **Clinical Placement Requirement**

- a) Before undertaking clinical placement within the programme, candidates will be required to provide a written health and immunity status assessment from their health practitioner.

Programme Regulations for:

- b) Candidates who do not have current registration as a Nurse must hold a current First Aid Certificate (covering NZQA Unit Standards 6400, 6401 and 6402) prior to undertaking clinical placement in the programme.

1.6. Safety Check

In order to comply with the provisions of the Vulnerable Children's Act, 2014 and Child Protection Policies for all '*specified organisations*' providing a '*regulated service*', all candidates/students will be subjected to safety checks. These will include but are not limited to;

- i. A Formal Interview
- ii. Referee Checks
- iii. A Police Vet Check
- iv. A Risk Assessment

Any unsatisfactory result arising from the full safety checking process may result in the candidate/student being precluded/declined entry or withdrawn from the programme of study. Furthermore, students must declare any pending or new convictions arising during any stage throughout the entire enrolment period. A conviction or failure to declare a conviction may also result in the student being immediately withdrawn from the programme. Persons who are convicted of '*specified offences*' will not be accepted onto any programme that requires that person to work in an organisation providing a regulated service.

1.7. English Language Requirements

Candidates who have English as a second language are required to have an International English Language Test System (IELTS) score of 6.5 across all bands; or equivalent.

2. Transfer of Credit

- 2.1. Every candidate with previous nursing qualifications will be able to apply for transfer of credit to determine their programme of study. Applications for transfer of credit (TOC) will initially be referred to the Bachelor of Nursing Programme Committee for approval.
- 2.2. Any applicant seeking formal transfer of credit will be expected to submit the proof of content and results of modules previously passed.
- 2.3. Any application for formal transfer of credit for Year Two, clinical papers, will be subject to approval from Nursing Council of New Zealand.
- 2.4. Nursing Council of New Zealand will not grant formal transfer credit for clinical papers in the third year of the programme if the candidate is currently not registered.
- 2.5. The evaluation of informal transfer of credit will be drawn from a portfolio showing evidence that the learning outcomes of a module have been achieved, confirmed as necessary by an interview, attestation process or demonstration of performance.
- 2.6. The maximum total of formal transfer credits and/or informal transfer credits which may be granted towards the Bachelor of Nursing programme shall not exceed 180 credits at levels 5 or 6.

3. Programme Requirement

- 3.1. Candidates with no prior nursing qualification will complete a programme of study for a period of not less than three years and no more than 5 years, totalling 360 credits. Candidates are required to complete, or receive transfer of credit for, all the modules listed in section 8.

Programme Regulations for:

- 3.2. Registered and enrolled nurses/nurse assistants who wish to complete the Bachelor of Nursing will normally complete a programme prescribed following the approval of transfer of credit applications.
- 3.3. No candidate shall be given more than two opportunities to achieve a successful pass grade in any module within the Bachelor of Nursing programme, except where there are extraordinary circumstances.
- 3.4. Candidates are required to successfully complete all Year 1 modules before proceeding to Year 2 and must successfully complete all Year 2 modules before proceeding to Year 3.

4. Completion of the Programme

- 4.1. The Nursing Council of New Zealand sets time-limits for completion of the various categories of candidate for the Bachelor of Nursing programme, as follows:
 - a) A candidate with no prior nursing qualification will normally complete the Bachelor of Nursing within a minimum of three years and no more than 5 years.
 - b) Where five years has elapsed since first enrolment in the programme, approval must be sought from Council prior to any further enrolment in the programme.
 - c) Any reduction in the three-year time frame must be in accordance with Nursing Council of New Zealand recognition of prior learning policy.
 - d) Candidates who take leave from the programme are required to demonstrate current knowledge and practice competency in order to identify the point of re-entry to the programme.
 - e) Candidates are required under the HPCA Act (2003) to demonstrate that they are fit for registration as they progress through the programme. Candidates should be aware that under the HPCA Act (2003), section 12, 15 and 16 some types of convictions, physical or mental conditions or professional or academic misconduct issues, may result in the Nursing Council of New Zealand refusing to allow a person to register as a Nurse.

5. Award of the Qualification.

- 5.1. Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of these regulations will receive the award of the Bachelor of Nursing.
- 5.2. Candidates for the Bachelor of Nursing should note that successful completion of the degree is not sufficient to confer registration. Once candidates have successfully completed the degree, they may seek registration from the Nursing Council of New Zealand, a process that will require them to succeed in Nursing Council state examinations and demonstrate that they are fit for practice as defined in the HPCA Act (2003).

6. Schedule of Modules

Note: no value in the pre/co-requisite columns means there are no pre/co-requisites for that module.

Year 1 – Level 5 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HLBN511	Introduction to Nursing	5	15		

Programme Regulations for:

HLBN512 or HLTM512*	Developing the Professional Self	5	15		
HLBN513	Nursing through the Lifespan	5	15		
HLSC514	Human Body for Nursing	5	15		
HLBN521 or HLTM521*	Social Context of Nursing in New Zealand	5	15	HLBN512 or HLTM512*	
HLBN522	Promoting Health and Wellness	5	15	HLBN513	
HLBN523	Introduction to Nursing Practice	5	15	HLBN513 HLSC514	
HLSC524	Human Body and Introduction to Pharmacology	5	15	HLSC514	

Year 2 – Level 6 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HLBN611B	Nursing Practice 1	6	30	All level 5 modules	HLBN612
HLBN612	Clinical Practicum 1	6	30	All level 5 modules	HLBN611B
HLBN621B	Nursing Practice 2	6	30	HLBN611B HLBN612	HLBN622
HLBN622	Clinical Practicum 2	6	30	HLBN611B HLBN612	HLBN621B

Year 3 – Level 7 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
HLBN711B	Nursing Practice 3	7	30	All level 6 modules	HLBN712
HLBN712	Clinical Practicum 3	7	30	All level 6 modules	HLBN711B
HLBN721	Integrated Practice	7	60	HLBN711B & HLBN712	

* Tihei Mauri Ora module