

BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY - TIHEI MAURI ORA

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Duration	Three years full-time, block study
Where	Hamilton City Campus and regional hubs in Tauranga, Gisborne and Hawkes Bay
Applications Close	End of November (late applications may be considered)
Starts	28 January
Fee Guideline	\$8,030

If you identify as Māori or Pasifika you can access Tihei Mauri Ora support. With Tihei Mauri Ora support you will gain the knowledge and skills you need to become a registered midwife, while incorporating knowledge from both the western and Māori worlds. This supports pertinent articles of the Treaty of Waitangi (partnership, protection and participation) by implementation of a body of knowledge that is explicitly Māori. As you learn, you're given the opportunity to apply your knowledge through hospital placements and with a midwife in independent practice.

On completion of the Bachelor of Midwifery you will be required to sit the National Midwifery Examination of the Midwifery Council of New Zealand to become registered as a midwife.

You will be supported throughout your studies by the Kaiāwhina, registered nurse who has close networks with stakeholders and links with Kauma-tua. Te Kete Ko-nae provides extra learning services such as additional face-to-face tutorials. During your clinical experience, you will be in an environment where whānau is valued and there is cultural awareness around midwifery practice.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

The modules include:

- Midwifery Knowledge and Skills
- Art and Science of Midwifery
- Midwifery Practice
- Lactation and Breastfeeding
- Interpersonal Skills
- Normal Process of Childbirth
- Human Biological Science
- Cultural Safety
- Childbirth Complexities
- Health Research
- The Well and Sick Baby

Modules are offered via mixed-mode delivery, so you must have computer competencies and be able to access a computer and the internet.

GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

The Bachelor of Midwifery may lead to employment as a Registered Midwife in hospitals, birthing units and communities, or as a Lead Maternity Care Giver.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Candidates who have no midwifery or nursing qualification must have gained:

- A minimum of 60 credits at NCEA Level 3 and 20 credits at NCEA Level 2 or higher, or equivalent including
- At least 14 credits at NCEA Level 3 or higher in Biology or Chemistry, or equivalent, and 14 credits at NCEA level 3 or higher in an English language rich subject (such as English, History, Art History, Classics, Geography, Media Studies or Economics) and
- A further 14 credits at NCEA Level 3 or higher in one additional approved subject, and
- Literacy (10 credits at NCEA Level 2 or above made up of 5 credits each in reading and writing); and
- Numeracy (10 credits at NCEA Level 1 or above); or equivalent

Candidates who do not meet these entry requirements may be considered for special admission (if aged 20 years or over) and will be required to produce:

- Evidence of academic equivalence of the above qualifications, or
- Evidence of ability to study successfully at degree level, or
- Applicants who have completed the Wintec Certificate in Introduction to Study (Health) (Level 4) or the Certificate of University Preparation
- (Level 4) with 65% or higher in all, or
- Applicants who have completed the Wintec Certificate in Introduction to Study (Health) (Level 4) or the Certificate of University Preparation (Level 4) with 65% or higher in all modules, and have a satisfactory reference from the Team Manager of these programmes will be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Midwifery programme.

1.1.5 Candidates who have studied on a Midwifery Degree programme at another institution will need to meet the Bachelor of Midwifery 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 Midwifery programme.

Registered nurses seeking entry into the programme on the basis of their nursing qualification or nursing practice experience must hold registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand as a Registered Comprehensive Nurse, or a Registered General and Obstetric Nurse and must provide a Certificate of Good Standing from the Nursing Council of New Zealand.

Registered health practitioners from other disciplines who have a qualification at level 4 or above, seeking entry into the programme on the basis of their health professional qualification and practice experience must hold registration with the relevant regulatory authority in New Zealand and must provide a Certificate of Good Standing from that authority.

Candidates who do not meet these entry requirements may be considered for special admission (if aged 20 or over) and will be required to produce:

- Evidence of academic equivalence of the above qualifications, or
- Demonstrated evidence of ability to study successfully at degree level.

Candidates whose first language is neither English nor Māori will be required to demonstrate English language competency by having an overall IELTS score of 7.0, with not less than 6.5 in writing and reading and not less than 7.0 in speaking and listening, or equivalent. In order to comply with Midwifery Council of New Zealand Regulations, these candidates will be required to demonstrate an overall IELTS academic score of 7.5 with no less than 7.0 in any one band, or equivalent, prior to registration.

Prior to commencing the programme all successful candidates will be required to demonstrate good character through referee reports and undertake a Police check.

Before undertaking clinical practice within the programme, candidates will be required to make a declaration of their immunisation status and will be required to undergo a medical at their own expense, either with their own doctor or at the Wintec Health Centre.

Candidates who do not have a current Annual Practising Certificate as a Nurse or Midwife must hold a current New Zealand Comprehensive First Aid Certificate throughout the duration of the programme.

Candidates are required to have basic computing skills prior to starting the programme. Candidates must demonstrate strong communication skills and self-responsibility in relation to their learning and their practice.

All shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview. For candidates who request, a whānau interview is offered.

ENQUIRIES

To enrol contact our Student Enrolment and Information Centre on 0800 2 wintec (0800 2 946832) or online at www.wintec.ac.nz/contact.