

Training

To become an enrolled nurse you must complete an 18-month programme to gain a Diploma in Enrolled Nursing.

There are seven institutions offering the 18-month training programmes. They are Wintec, Manukau Institute of Technology, Otago Polytechnic, Southern Institute of Technology, UCOL, Whitiera NZ, ARA Institute of Canterbury.

An example of academic entry requirements (Wintec) is shown, but check details on their website.

- 60 credits at NCEA Level 2 or above, and 20 credits from any Level; and
- Literacy (10 credits at NCEA Level 1 or above in specified literacy assessment standards); and
- Numeracy (10 credits at NCEA Level 1 or above in specified numeracy assessment standards); or equivalent.

At Wintec, if you identify as a Māori or Pacific Islander you can choose to study in the Tihei Mauri Ora stream.

Personal Qualities

Enrolled nurses need to be:

- good with people
- good communicators
- compassionate
- able to relate to people from various cultures and backgrounds
- organised
- able to keep information confidential
- patient and helpful



Information collated by NZIRH
Where to go for more information:

- www.careers.govt.nz
- www.kiaorahauora.co.nz
- www.nursingcouncil.org.nz

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Enrolled Nurse



Enrolled Nurses

Enrolled nurses work under the direction of a registered nurse to deliver nursing care and health education across all age groups in community, residential or hospital settings.

The government has reintroduced the enrolled nurse qualification. Enrolled nurses are a necessary part of good health care. The health system requires a team of registered nurses, enrolled nurses and health care assistants so that appropriate and timely patient care is provided.

Enrolled nurses make a huge contribution to patient care. They support patients in hospitals and in the community. They are involved in patient assessments, planning care and carrying it out and evaluating patient progress.

What do they do?

Enrolled nurses are involved in:

- assessments to determine patient's needs
- planning patient care
- caring for patients
- assisting patients with daily living
- observing and recording patients' conditions and reporting changes to the registered nurse
- giving medicines to patients
- health education of patients
- communicating effectively
- working within a team

Enrolled nurses work in partnership with patients, families and multidisciplinary teams.

Where do Enrolled Nurses Work?

Enrolled nurses work for:

- Public hospitals
- Private hospitals
- Primary health organisations such as doctors' practices and family planning clinics
- Rest and nursing homes
- Community care clinics
- Non-government organisations such as Plunket
- Private health trusts and providers
- Māori health providers
- Prisons

