Nursing at Waikato

Launch a fulfilling career on the frontline, caring for those in need by studying nursing at the University of Waikato.

Hands-on learning in a real-life clinical setting is at the heart of Waikato’s Bachelor of Nursing qualification. Delivered in partnership with the Waikato District Health Board and its clinical partners, you will divide your time between our University campus in Hamilton and health providers across the Waikato region and be guided by an experienced team of registered nurses and other health professionals.

Our progressive programme also offers a specific focus on Māori and Pacific health, primary, mental health and addiction, areas which urgently require more health care workers in New Zealand.

By the end of your three-year degree, you will be able to provide the highest quality care to New Zealanders, whether they are living in rural or urban locations, at home or in hospital, or experiencing mental or physical illness.

Why Waikato?

We combine our high academic standards in a real healthcare setting from day one. With more clinical hours than other providers, our unique programme will prepare you to meet the emerging health needs of New Zealanders. Along with our focus on Māori and Pacific health and mental health and addiction, the programme also focuses on the concept of hauora, or Māori wellbeing, supporting our students to see healthcare through a holistic lens and providing a strong cultural and community context to healthcare.

• Study a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Waikato and get 1,704 hours of practical experience on Clinical Placements. More than any other provider.

• Gain experience in the areas of primary care, mental health and addiction which urgently require more workers. Have the opportunity to specialise post-registration with further study.

Armed with a nursing degree from Waikato, you will have the skills that can really make a difference, where it is needed most.

How the programme is delivered

We work in partnership with the Waikato District Health Board to deliver a nursing programme which combines our high academic standards with hands-on learning in a real healthcare setting, from day one. As a student you will divide your time between our University campus in Hamilton and completing hands-on nursing practice around the Waikato, including at Waikato Hospital, GP practices, kaupapa Māori providers within mental health services and more.

What other benefits does Waikato offer me?

By studying a Bachelor of Nursing at Waikato you will also benefit from our diverse team of researchers who are changing the way healthcare is delivered in New Zealand and across the world.

The University of Waikato Medical Research Centre, a joint initiative between the University of Waikato and Waikato District Health Board, is supporting clinical academics to answer research questions that are important to communities in the Waikato region and beyond.

We are the leading centre for epidemiological cancer research working with cancer experts at Waikato Hospital and across the region. The centre is also known for its research in primary care, rural health, and diabetes, delivering research that is making a difference to patients’ and their families' lives.