

New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing Applied Practice Level 5 (Disability Across the Lifespan)

*Pending NZQA approval

120 Credits 40 Weeks
20 Hours Per Week
Monday–Wednesday
Term 1–3 (Academic Practice)
Term 4 (Industry Placement)

Tuition Fee: NZD 19,000
Material Fee: NZD 2,000
Registration Fee: NZD 400
Total: NZD 21,400



This qualification meets the requirements for the Care and Support Workers Pay Equity Settlement. Completion will allow employees and those seeking to enter the industry to follow a career path with qualification attainment linked to wage increases.

This program aims to equip students with the practical skills and theoretical knowledge necessary for effective support and care across various health and wellbeing contexts.

This involves training in evidence-based practices, fostering autonomy, resilience, and promoting overall wellbeing. Graduates will gain recognition for their transferable skills and knowledge valued in the health and wellbeing sector, as well as specific skills needed for Disability Support Practitioner roles.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

DOMESTIC

- 17 years of age or older at course start date (be at least 17 years of age before the clinical placement)
- Have recent police vetting
- Have completed year 12 or NCEA Level 2
- Pre-enrolment interview
- Students who do not meet the entry requirements may be accepted at the discretion of the department head.

INTERNATIONAL

- 18 years of age at course start date
- IELTS (Academic or General) 5.5 with no band lower than 5.0 (or NZQA approved equivalent)
- 3 years of secondary school education or agreed equivalent
- Have recent police vetting
- Special circumstances considered at the discretion of the Department Head.

Course outline

This program includes eight compulsory modules, and students must complete 300 hours of industry placement over eight consecutive weeks, starting in term 4 of the course.

Key Features of the program

- Secured placement/internships opportunities
- Culturally tailored student support services
- Student counsellor on-site
- Free digital literacy workshop
- Wellness activities both in and outside Auckland
- Development of essential technical and leadership skills
- Opportunity to learn New Zealand's culturally developed course
- 1-1 CV preparation, career advice, and interview skills development.
- Specialized Focus: Unique curriculum designed specifically for disability support across the lifespan, equipping students with tailored skills to meet diverse needs.
- Community Engagement: Opportunities for hands-on experience in real-world settings, enhancing practical skills and community connections.
- Clear pathways for further education and professional development, allowing graduates to advance their careers in leadership and specialized roles. (may study nursing after).
- Supportive Learning Environment: A welcoming and inclusive campus culture that fosters personal and professional growth, where students feel valued and supported.
- Quality support from Industry expert tutors with fair Tutor-to-student ratio.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- CONSUMER ADVOCACY ROLES
- REHABILITATION ASSISTANT
- EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT ROLES
- CONNECTOR/NAVIGATOR ROLES
- SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR
- IWI SERVICES SUPPORT ROLES
- HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT
- COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER/ FACILITATOR
- CHILD OR YOUTH RESIDENTIAL CARE ASSISTANT
- AGED CARE WORKER
- NURSING SUPPORT WORKER
- PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT.
- MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT -YOUTH WORK IN A RANGE OF SETTINGS SUCH AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS, SOCIAL SERVICES, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY.

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