

Programme Regulations for:

New Zealand Diploma in

Enrolled Nursing

Wintec code:	NZ5354	MoE:	NZ5354
Level:	5	Credits:	180
Owner:	Centre for Health & Social Practice	Effective Date:	January 2026

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute's Academic Regulations.

1. Transition Arrangements

- 1.1 There is an underpinning principle in the application of these transition regulations that no learner will be disadvantaged by these arrangements.
- 1.2 This programme is replacing the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (NZ2889).
- 1.3 Wintec will commence delivering the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (NZ5354) from semester 1, 2026, and all learners enrolling from that date will be enrolled in the new programme.
- 1.4 Learners currently enrolled in the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (NZ2889) will have the opportunity to complete this version of the qualification before delivery ceases by 31 December 2026. Any learner who is not successful in completing by this date will be transferred to the new qualification on a case-by-case basis.
- 1.5 For all learners transitioning to the new programme a mapping exercise will be undertaken to determine the requirements the student must still complete in order to be awarded the qualification.

2. Admission and Entry

- 2.1 Candidates can gain entry to this programme by meeting one of the following criteria:
 - a) Based on NZ high school achievement (secondary school study):
 - NCEA Level 2 including 10 credits in Level 1 Mathematics/or Numeracy, and 12 credits in Level 2 Science rich subjects; or
 - b) Based on study completed at a NZ tertiary institution:
 - New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3) Health Science Pathway; or
 - c) a recognised equivalent (Bridging or Pre-Health); or
 - d) Based on Discretionary Entrance

Applicants who do not meet any of the entry options stated above, and think they have what it takes to complete this programme, can apply for 'Discretionary Entrance'. The application is based on the applicant's ability to demonstrate a likelihood to succeed in the

programme. The decision is at the discretion of the Head of School/Centre Director or their delegate. The ability to progress into further study depends on how successful the applicant is within the programme they apply and are accepted into under 'Discretionary Entrance'.

2.2 Selection Criteria

- A self-declaration, providing information regarding:
 - criminal convictions;
 - Applicants are required to indicate whether they have been convicted of, or have been prosecuted for, a criminal offence. Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 some types of criminal conviction may result in the NCNZ refusing to register a person as an enrolled nurse.
 - mental and physical conditions;
 - Applicants are required to indicate if they have had any mental and/or physical conditions, to demonstrate that they are fit for practice as a registered nurse. Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 some types of physical or mental conditions may result in the NCNZ being unable to register a person as an enrolled nurse. A medical report may also be requested, where evidence of good health is required, as per NCNZ requirements.
 - any learning disabilities or challenges that might affect participation in the programme; this will be used to activate support services.
 - Personal statement, should outline why the applicant has chosen nursing as a career, demonstrate communication skills, describe personal qualities and self-responsibilities in relation to relevant aspects from their life experiences, their learning and practice which will enhance the application.

- Applicants may be required to attend an interview to ensure they will meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand requirements for registration on completion of the programme.

- Successful applicants will be required to complete a New Zealand Police Consent to Disclosure of Information form. The form will be sent to the Police Licensing and Vetting Service and returned in confidence to the Head of Nursing. Information on the Vetting Service is available from the New Zealand Police website.

- Complete a safety check.

The safety check will be required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Children's Act 2014. This may include, but is not limited to:

 - Reference checks,
 - Police check,
 - A risk assessment.
 - CV which provides an account of all experience – part time, full time and voluntary, including care of own children for the preceding five years.

Unsatisfactory results arising from the full safety checking process may result in the ākonga being declined entry or withdrawn from the programme of study.

2.3 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 in the academic band, (no lower than 6.5 in any subtest and must be taken from a single IELTS Test Report Form and are valid for two years from the date of the test); or equivalent.

Note:

The English Language requirements for this programme are higher than the minimum set by NZQA, therefore; applicants who have met New Zealand University Entrance may be required to provide evidence of English Language proficiency.

PTE is not accepted for this programme as evidence of English language proficiency.

The Head of Nursing can request at any point an IELTS or equivalent English language test be undertaken by an ākonga where English is a second language and where ākonga are experiencing communication difficulties in theory and/or clinical learning experience courses during the DEN programme. This additional testing will be at the cost of ākonga. Ākonga must achieve a minimum as set out above. Failure to demonstrate English language proficiency at this level will result in ākonga being withdrawn from the programme. (HPCA ACT 2003)

3. Transfer of Credit

3.1 100% transfer of credit is available for this programme (both formal transfer of credit and recognition of prior learning).

4. Programme Requirements

4.1 Every candidate for the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing shall to the satisfaction of the Academic Committee follow a programme of study for a period of normally not less than three semesters.

4.2 Each candidate's programme will comprise all modules as listed in Section 6 of these regulations, totaling a minimum of 180 credits.

5. Completion of the Programme

5.1 A candidate may take up to four years to complete this programme, unless an extension is granted by special permission of the Group Director, or designated equivalent.

6. Award of the Qualification

6.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of this programme will be eligible for the award of the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing.

7. Schedule of Modules

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

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
NURS4400	Human Body Systems	4	15		

NURS4401	Nursing Practice 1	4	15		
NURS4402	Professional Practice	4	15		
NURS4403	Hauora Population Health	4	15		
NURS5500	Knowledge and Evidence for Practice	5	15	NURS4400 NURS4401 NURS4402 NURS4403	
NURS5501	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	5	15	NURS4400 NURS4401 NURS4402 NURS4403	
NURS5502	Nursing Practice 2	5	30	NURS4400 NURS4401 NURS4402 NURS4403	
NURS5503	Nursing Practice 3	5	30	NURS4400 NURS4401 NURS4402 NURS4403	
NURS6600	Transition to Enrolled Nursing Practice	6	30	NURS4400 NURS4401 NURS4402 NURS4403 NURS5500 NURS5501 NURS5502 NURS5503	