



Bachelor of Nursing Pacific Cook Islands

Information for Year One 2022

Your programme starts **Monday 30 May 2022**. Just bring paper and pens with you; you will not need to be in uniform.

Please note the **non-teaching day for Year One Nursing in 2022 will be Wednesday**. While we do try to keep to this non-teaching day, students may be required to attend tutorials, lectures and exams on a Wednesday. Students must be available Monday-Friday during clinical; shift hours are 0645-1500hrs or 1430-2300hrs.

Covid-19

All organisations engaging health and social practice workers have obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2018 to take all reasonable steps to eliminate, or otherwise control, the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace. The Cook Islands government has mandated the vaccine for frontline health care workers.

Many of the health and social practice providers we work with are now requiring their staff, including any students on placement, to be vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.

Unvaccinated students or those who choose not to disclose their vaccination status

These students will be considered unvaccinated which will have an impact on their ability to be accepted into placements; and this will, in turn, have an impact on their ability to successfully complete the programme. **Before** completing your health screening or purchasing any items, please email PacificNursing@whitireia.ac.nz to arrange an appointment to meet with the Programme Manager or delegate to discuss the implications of non-vaccination/nondisclosure and to sign a disclaimer.

Vaccinated Students

Complete the health screening and purchase items as detailed below:

Course Related Costs	Approx. \$
Funding Assistance Cook Islands citizens can apply for funding assistance from the Cook Islands MoH Scholarship if successful for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniform (two x tunics, one x trouser/skirt and one name badge)• Health Screening• Vaccination• First Aid Certification	
Clinical Learning Costs Nursing Students will spend a large amount of time off campus completing clinical learning experiences. Clinical Learning for Bachelor of Nursing Pacific years one and two will be in the Cook Islands. Year three will continue their clinical placements in New Zealand which will be supported by the Cook Islands Ministry of Health. More details will be provided closer to the time.	
Health Screening Please read and follow the attached information on health screening carefully. You must complete your health screening.	Covered by the Cook Islands MoH Scholarship

<p>Vaccinations</p> <p>We strongly recommend that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students not immune to hepatitis B, chicken pox or measles are vaccinated. • Students are vaccinated annually against influenza, as you will be working with vulnerable populations. 	<p>Covered by the Cook Islands MoH Scholarship</p>
<p>Computer/laptop and internet</p> <p>This programme is delivered by blended learning (face-to-face and online learning), so you will need a computer/laptop and internet access at home (students will also need to be able to study from home should Covid-19 Alert Levels change). Please note your phone is not an appropriate device.</p>	<p>A Laptop will be provided</p>
<p>Medical Equipment</p> <p>You will need a stethoscope, sphygmomanometer with cuff (BP kit), and nursing scissors. The sphygmomanometer cuff can be ordered in either an adult size (23-40cm) or a large adult size (34-50cm). The larger cuff is recommended for those with larger upper arms and those who will be practicing on family/friends with larger upper arms.</p> <p>You will also require a nurse's watch.</p>	<p>Covered by the Cook Islands MoH Scholarship</p>
<p>Stationery</p> <p>There are no specific stationery requirements, but you will need pens, paper, folders etc.</p>	<p>Approx. 50.00</p>
<p>Textbooks</p> <p>Students will be provided with access to online resources including textbooks, journals and, if required by your programme, the vSIM online simulation package.</p>	
<p>Uniform and Name Badge</p> <p>You need to have ordered your uniform and name badge before the programme starts, as you must be in uniform for all clinical learning.</p>	<p>Covered by the Cook Islands MoH Scholarship</p>
<p>Shoes</p> <p>Students must supply their own footwear; these must be black, with a fully enclosed upper and a rubber sole.</p>	<p>Approx. 100.00</p>



Nursing Health Screening Requirements

Our clinical/fieldwork placement providers require students to be screened for specific infectious diseases. Please note that students who do not have immunity may not be allowed access to some clinical/fieldwork placements.

These tests are a requirement of entry into your programme of study, and we strongly recommend you complete these as soon as possible so that your results are available before the programme starts. We currently require students' immunity status for:

Hepatitis B
Rubella

Morbilli (Measles)
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Varicella (Chicken Pox)
Tetanus

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Tuberculosis Your offer of place letter will advise whether you need screening for this.

Your immunity status is ascertained by a blood test **and** completion of the 'Health Screening' form by your GP/Health Professional. **All costs** (including screening, vaccinations, and GP/health professional visits) are the responsibility of the student.

If you are Not Immune

If your results show that you are not immune, we strongly recommend you consider vaccination, to protect both you and your future clients.

Screening Process

1. The health screening process is down through the Cook Islands Hospital and is covered by the Ministry of Health. Please complete all Health Screening requirements.
2. Please email the signed 'Health Screening' form to PacificNursing@whitireia.ac.nz before the start date of your programme (please do not send the screening results from SCL).

Important Note

Please keep your screening results in a safe place, as placements may request to see them, and you may need them when applying for jobs.



Nursing Health Screening Form

Student Name:
Programme of Study:

TO: GP/Health Professional: Please read the patient's results and circle their immunity status below.

Serology (Test)	Immunity Status (please circle result)	
	HBsAg	Detected
HBsAb	≥20 = immune	No immunity
Morbilli	Immune	No immunity
Varicella	Immune	No immunity
Rubella	Immune	No immunity
Tuberculosis * (Quantiferon Gold) Students who have a positive test for TB must have a chest X-ray and a medical review to exclude active TB . Please indicate any further actions taken if positive for TB:	Positive	Clear

* Not all students will require screening for TB as they were pre-assessed as part of the interview process.

Vaccinations

Pertussis	Date of last vaccination:	
Tetanus	Date of last vaccination:	
Covid-19	Date of second vaccination:	
GP/Health Professional Name:		Practice Stamp:
Signed:		
Date		

Please return completed and signed form to the student,
along with their screening results